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M.L. BOBRAON	7332	L. M. Wibmer	29th Dec, 1901.
* ORIENTAL	5284	J. F. Jephson	5th Jan.
M. VALETTA	5048	F. N. Tillard	12th "
* CALEDONIA	7558	E. H. Gordon	19th "
M.L. EGYPT	7922	G. L. Langborne	26th "
* ARABIA	7903	J. L. Parfitt	2nd Feb.
M.L. CALEDONIA	7558	E. H. Gordon	9th "
* PERSIA	8000	W. A. Wheler	16th "
M L. PENINSULAR	5287	T. Leigh	23rd "
* INDIA	7911	W.D.G. Worcester	2nd Mar.
M.L. ARABIA	7903	J. L. Parfitt	9th "
* PERSIA	8000	W. A. Wheler	16th "
M L. INDIA	7911	W.D.G. Worcester	23rd "
* EGYPT	7922	G. L. Langborne	30th "
M.L. PERSIA	8360	W. A. Wheler	6th April

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Steamer	Captains.	Tons.	To sail on
IMPERATRIX	C. Bellen	4,149	1st Jan., 1901.
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Steamer.	Captain.	Tons.	To sail on or about
GISELA	F. Mosca	4,233	in Jan., 1901.
VINDOBONA	G. Klanaberger	4,351	in Jan., 1901.

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S.S. Duc. BALDUINO.	4,580	O. Canepa	15th Jan. 1901
" R. RUBATTINO.	4,580	O. Canepa	15th Feb., 1901

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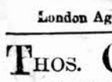

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Bombay, 22nd December, 1900.

NOTICE.

AS the GENERAL ELECTIONS by RATEPAYERS will be held in JANUARY next, the Commissioner hereby notifies for the information of intending candidates and of persons entitled to vote that in every case of a Contested Ward Election forms of voting paper will be supplied only to persons appearing to be entitled to vote and that each such person will be supplied with one form of voting paper only.

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W. L. HARVEY,
Municipal Commissioner for the City of Bombay.

Municipal Offices, Bombay, 24th December 1900.

In the matter of the Estate of ABINGDON AUGUSTUS BAYLEY, late of FOXLEASE CAMBERLEY, in the County of Surrey, a General in Her Majesty's Royal Artillery, European, deceased.

NOTICE is hereby given that all persons claiming against the Estate of the abovenamed deceased, who died at the Hotel Metropole Interlaken in Switzerland, on or about the 11th day of August, 1900, and Letters of Administration of whose Estate have been granted throughout the Province of Bombay were granted on the 20th day of December, 1900, to WILLIAM ALBAN HAIG BROWN, Esq., are required to send in their claims to the said Administrator, at his office, Standard Building, Hornby Row, Fort, Bombay, within one calendar month from the date hereof, at the expiration of which time he will hand over the assets of the said Estate to the persons entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which he shall then have notice.

All persons indebted to the Estate of the said deceased or having property belonging to him are required to pay their debts in hand or over such property to the Administrator.—Dated this 24th day of December, 1900.

CRAIGIE, LYNCH & OWEN,
Administrator's Attorneys.

No. 2775.

NOTICE.

SALE OF THE MALABAR SPINNING AND WEAVING COMPANY MILL, MALABAR DISTRICT.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF SOUTH MALABAR.

O. S. No. 2 OF 1900.

THE COMMERCIAL BANK OF INDIA, Ltd. ...Plaintiff.

VERSUS

1 The MALABAR SPINNING AND WEAVING COMPANY, LIMITED, Calicut, 2. A. L. A. R. RAMASWAMI CHETTIAR'S son A. L. A. R. R. M. ARUNACHALLAM CHETTIAR of DeVacotta, Madwa District, 3 A. L. A. R. R. M. CHOKALINGAM CHETTIAR, 4 A. L. A. R. R. M. VELLAYYAN CHETTIAR, 5 A. L. A. R. R. M. NARAYANAN CHETTIAR, 6th Defendant is a minor by guardian ad litem 2nd Defendant ...Defendants

NOTICE is hereby given that in pursuance of the Decree passed by the District Court of South Malabar, Calicut, in O. S. No 2 of 1900, and of the order of the said Court, dated 14th December, 1900, on the Execution Petition submitted by the Plaintiff, The Commercial Bank of India, Limited, against the Defendants, the Malabar Spinning and Weaving Company, Limited, Calicut, and 4 others, the Camil Nasir of the District Court, South Malabar, Calicut, will SELL by PUBLIC AUCTION, at the Calicut, the valuable properties consisting of the Mill house and all the Koumagee Tenements, Bungalows, Engine house, Boiler houses, Godowns, Buildings and Erections now standing on the Kotuparamba in Panniankara Amsom, Calicut Taluk, and also all the Steam Engines, Boilers, Mill gear, Mill wright work fixed and moveable, Machinery, Implements, Tools and Utensils now fixed to or placed upon or used in or about the said land, Mill buildings and premises and all trees and other improvements standing upon the paramba. The sale will be held on MONDAY, the 18th February, 1901.

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From whatever cause arising.

It is a real specific for Gout and Rheumatic pains. It removes the cause from the Blood and Bones.

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"Moreover, I told two friends of mine who were laid up with Rheumatism of my case, and they tried 'Clarke's Blood Mixture.' They are tailors by trade, and in seven days they were at work again. They say this medicine cannot be too highly praised.

"May 18, 1899."

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"December 29, 1899."

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By order of the Engineer, Bombay Improvement Trust Messrs. MEHERJEE, JOHNSTON & Co. will sell by Public Auction, at the respective premises, on the undermentioned dates and hours, the whole of the materials for removal of the following properties :—

On FRIDAY, the 4th January, 1901, at 3-30 p.m., on the premises—

Whole of the materials for removal of house No 882, Parel Road, 1st Nagpada, with stables and out-houses.

On FRIDAY, the 4th January, 1901, at 4 p.m., the premises.

Whole of the materials for removal of chawl No. 29, Pirkhan Lane, 1st Nagpada.

On SATURDAY, the 5th January, 1901, at 4 p.m., on the premises—

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Bombay, 24th December, 1900.

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The Bank receives Deposits on the following terms :—

CURRENT DEPOSIT ACCOUNTS.

Interest allowed at 2 per cent. on the daily balance if not under Rs. 1,000 and not exceeding Rs. 1,00,000. Sums over Rs. 1,00,000 will be received on terms to be ascertained on application.

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BANKS.

	Shares.	Amount.	Paid-up.	Last Half Yearly Divid.	Cash Rate.
INDIAN BANKS.		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Bank of Bombay	20,000	100	all	19 p. c.	1260
Bank of Bengal	40,000	00	all	2 bon.	
Bank of Madras	10,000	500	all	10 pr. ct.	1,275
Commercial	{ 10,000	100	{ 100	nil	1,020
Bank of India.	{ 15,000		{ 75		65
EXCHANGE BANKS.					
Agra	1,00,000	40	all	3 pr. ct.	
Charter Bank, Hongkong and Shanghai	40,000	420	420	10 pr. ct.	420
Banking Corporation	80,000	dol. 125	all	£1-10-0	
National Bank of India	40,000	£25	£12-12-8	pr. ct.	

MISCELLANEOUS.

			Half yearly	
Victoria Assn down	1,750	100	100 dv Re10	195xd
Back Bay Bathe.....	500	50	50 12	31
Badham Press	5,000	100	100 12 pr ct	119
Bombay & Burma Trading Corporation	1,000	2,500	500 dvd 450	6,850
Do. New issue.	500	375	625 dvd 112½	1,740
Bombay Ice Mfg. Co., Ld..	1,250	00	100 dvd 4	60
Bombay Land and Building Co., Ld.	400	500	500 5 pr ct	5
Bombay Flour Mill	000	500	500	55
Deccan Paper Mills	1,000	500	500 5 pr ct	30
Delhi and Northern India Flour Mills	500	200	200 dvd Rs 8	169
Delhi Cloth & General Mills Co, Ld.	2,000	200	250 9 p 16	52
Empire of India Life A. Co., Ld	292	500	50 ...	53
Indian Guarantee Surety Co.	5,000	00	10 10 pr. ct.	15
John Roberts & Co	1,500	100	100 10 pr. ct.	175
Kemp & Co.	4,000	200	175 21	357
Kurla Dhobe Landing	500	500	300 0	133
Marcks & Co., Ld.	4,000	100	100 dvd Rs15	158
Naper Hotel Co	2,000	100	1 9 pr. ct.	25
Napier Foundry Oriental Govt. Security Life Insurance ...	1,000	100	0 ... 0	60
Phillips & Co., Ld.....	5,000	200	250 25	275
Port Canning Co.....	6,000	100	100 25	470
Soundy & Co	1,000	100	1,000 5	24xd
Treacher & Co.	2,000	500	50	985
Thacker & Co..	1,500	100	dvd Rs 8	155
Telephone Co.,.	2,000	251	100 12	30

PRESS COMPANIES.

			Yearly.	
Akbar	200	1,250	1,250 125	1,300x
Albert Ginning Co.	100	500	all 18 pr. ct.	410
Albert (Kurrachee)	200	1,100	1,100 Rs. 80	800
Bellary	167	1,000	1,000 dv Rs 20	160xd
B. H. swaggee City Press & Manfg. Co.Ltd	550	250	250 25	275
Bombay Dosing	1,000	125	125 Nil.	65
Brouise Cawnpore Press	600	200	200 dvd R30	165
Broach City Press Co., Ld	600	200	200 dv Rs 20	200xd
Colaba	500	1,500	1,500 dvd Rs 15	315
East India	1,000	1,000	1,000 125	1,325
English Press and Manfg ...	400	200	dvd Rs 9	60
Fort	150	8,300	500 dvd Rs20	650
French	300	500	60 dvd Rs40	425
Harvey and Sabapathy ...	450	450	600 dvd Rs35	340x
Hingoli Press Co., Ld	700	100	100 Rs 17	135
Khangaum ...	940	100	450 dvd Rs 80	460
Khatau Press Co., Ld	300	200	all 15 pr. ct.	22
Ahmedpur Cotton Manfg. Co. Ld.	300	500	500	53
Mercantile	626	125	125 dvd Rs 5	421
Mofussil	125	400	400 dvd Rs35	90
Mummar M.....	900	250	all dvd Rs20	395
New Berar.....	00	500	500 dvd Rs50	520
New Indian ...	00	125	125 dv Rs12½	150
Prince of Wales	100	500	00 20	125
Sabapathy (Bellary) ...	500	500	70 30	300xd
Standard	900	500	600 20	310xd
Sind and Punjab Co.	100	1,000	1,000 125	5
Sind	400	2,000	750 30	1200
Sora bji Pocha Mills	200	250	250 Nil.	
Surat Cotton Press Co., Ld.	37	200	all	1
Volkart.....	...	000	...	Rs 80 1000

SPINNING AND WEAVING COMPANIES.

				Half yearly.	
Ahmedabad Advantage ...	76		all	000	Nil
Alliance	1,500	1,100	all	000	Nil
Anglo-Indian ...	1,315			0	Nil
Assur Veerjee Mfg. Ltd.	In all 2000 Shares of which 1602 have been all lotted.	Rs. 500 each	Fully paid up	Rs. 25	12 1-2
Aurungabad S. & M. Co., Ld.		1,000	1,000	60	
Bellary Manfg Co., Ld	2,750	550,000	200	12 1-2	170
Bombay United	90	1,000	1,000	Nil	35
Bombay Cotton Manfg. Co....	90	500	500	dvd Rs 30	48
Bombay National Manfg. Co., Ld	500	1,500	000		9
Britannia Mills	1,000	1,000	1,000	d Rs 5.	0
Bombay Woollen Manfg. Co. Ltd	650	1,000	1,000	10 per ct.	
Coorla Mills ...	1,000	500	50	dvd Rs. 50	1,00
China Mills Co. Ld.	800	1,000	1,000	dvd Rs. 3	1, 40
City of Bombay Mills	800	1,000	1,000	dvd Rs. 2	435
Coimbatore S. and W	6,000	100	00	9 pr ct.	660
Co-operative Mills	600	500	500	25	1
Colaba Land & Mills	4 000	700	...	nil	500
Coorla Mills ...		1,000	Rs. 25		355
Currimbhoy Mills	80	1,000	1,000	dvd Rs80	590
David Mill ...	1,400	500	600	dvd Rs30	210
Dhulia Ginning and Pressing Co. Ld.	400	250	all	Rs20	230
Dhun Mills.....	1,000	1,000	1,000	Nil	100
Empress	2,100	500	1,000	Nil	245
Fyzoolla	2,250	1,000	1,000	Nil	275
Hindustan	575	1,000	1,000	Nil	380
Hinguanbat Mills	700	500	500	40	670
Howard and Bullough ...	1,500	500	500	25	50
Hyderabad ...	500	1,000	1,000	30	350
Imperial Cotton	700	1,000	1,000	20	1,300
Indian Manfg...	900	500	500	Nil	160
Indo-China Manufacturing Co., Ld...	1,000	1,000	1,000	Nil	480
James Greaves ...	700	1,000	1,000	dvd Rs 50	400
Jaffer Alli	1,100	500	600	Nil	400
Jamshedjee Manufacturing Co	600	500	500	dvd Rs 20	240
Jewraj Balloo..	1,500	25	250	dvd 5	130
Jubilee Mills ...	1,000	1,000	1,000	no dvd	425
Khandesh	5,430	1,000	1,000	20	30
Khandesh	7,500	1,500	1,000	dvd Rs 60	70
Khangaum Manfg. Co...	1,000	250	250	65	500xd
Khatao Makanjee	1,000	1,000	1,000	dvd Rs 25	450
Krishna Mills Ld	1,218	500		dvd Rs 32	570
Leopold.....	3,500	100	125	dvd Rs 10	158
Lord Reay Mills ...	445	1,000	1,000	30	110
Lakmidas Spinning & Weaving Co.	1,000	1,000	1,000	Rs 30	530
Madras United ...	356	1,000	1,000	Rs 10	2,825
Mahamxmee...	600	1,000	1,000	Nil	75
Mahmood Shah Mills (Sholapur) ...	8,400	500	500	pr ct.	
Mankoojee Petit	4,000	1,000	1,000	dvd 40	1,780
Mohanlal K. Purekh G & Mfg. Co. Ld., Amraoti ...	300	100	115	dvd Rs 15	
Mazagon	5,000	500	...	Nil	55
Morarji Goculdass	1,050	1,000	1,000	dvd Rs 35	1,460
Mysore S. & M. Co, Ld	4,000	250	250	Nil	16
Madura Mills...	7,775	100	100	Nil	pa 87
National	500	1,000	1,000	Nil	
New Great Eastern.....	1,400	1,000	1,000	Nil	150
Presidency Mills Co.(Ld).	742	1,	1,500	Nil	360
Queens Mills ...	800	1,000	1,000	Rs30	530
Ripon Mills ...	620	1,000	1,000	dvd Rs5	800
Saraswati Mills	1,250	500	500	Nil	50
Sassoon	1,500	1,000	1,000	dvd Rs20	500
Sholapore Mills ...	500	1,000	1,000	Nil	1210
Soonderjee ...	700	1,000	1,000	Nil	350
Southern India ...	1,000	500	500	Nil	80
Southern Maharatta	1,218	250	250	Nil	245
Sun Mills, Ld. ...	1,300	250	250	Nil	160
Standard Mills Co.	1,000	500	500	Nil	255
Swadeshi Mills ...	1,000	1,000	1,000	Nil	60
Sassoon and Alliance ...	1,000	500	500	dvd Rs22½	575
Union Spinning and Manufacturing Co.	3,000	500	500	Nil	325
Union Mills Ld. ...	500	1,000	1,000	Nil	
Union Mills Ld. ...	1,000	1,000	1,000	Nil	25
Venishunker Lakhmidas Venishunker Mill Co. Ld..	900	500	500	Nil	410x
Victoria Mills..	550	1,000	1,000	Nil	
Western India.	1,200	1,000	1,000	Nil	300
Wadhwan City Ginning Pressing & Manufacturing Co. Ld.	400	50	all	dvd R.	

RAILWAY COMPANIES.

G. I. P. Consolidated Stock	...	£100	...	...	...
B. B. & C. I. R. Co. New £12 Shares	...	£10	...	...	...
Ahmedabad Prantej Ry....	500	00	...	5 pr. ct.	615
Tapti Valley Ry. Co.....	600	500	...	4 pr. ct.	45 24

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BOMBAY.

TO-DAY.

Sun rises, 6h. 31m. Sun sets, 5h. 30m. High water, 1-19m., 1-19a. Low water, 7-19m., 6-52a.
Banks closed : Christmas Day.
Cinematographic Exhibition, Novelty Theatre, 9 p.m.

TO-MORROW.

Sun rises, 6h. 31m. Sun sets, 5h. 30m. High water, 1-55m., 2-4s. Low water, 7-56m., 7-32s.
Banks closed : Christmas Holidays.
Warren's Circus, Opening Night.

THE GOVERNOR'S LEVEE.—The following gentlemen were unavoidably prevented from attending H. E. the Governor's Levee held on the 19th inst.:—Mr. E. R. Webb and Mr. H. Wenden.

POSTAL NOTICES.—Mails for Magduschu, Merka Brawa, Kismayu, Lamu, Mombassa, Ibo, Chindi, Daressalam, Zanzibar, Beira, Mozambique, Delagoa-bay, Natal and Cape Colony, per s. s. Safari, will be closed at the General Post Office, at 7 p.m., on Wednesday, the 26th inst.—Mails for Porbunder, per s. s. Goa, will be closed at the General Post Office, at 9 a.m., on Thursday, the 27th inst.

CALENDARS FOR THE NEW YEAR.—We have received handsome tear-off calendars for 1901 from the Nippon Yusen Kaisha (Japan Mail Steamship Co.) ; Messrs. Glade and Co, the Bombay agents, of the Aachen and Munich Fire Insurance Co.; Messrs. Graves, Cottom and Co., chief representative of the Sun Fire Office and agents of the London and Lancashire Fire Insurance Co; Messrs. Abdoolkader Noorbhoy and Co. and Messrs. Kurwa and Kajiji, ironmongers and contractors, Abdul Rehman Street, Bombay. The latter firm also send a couple of neat ivorine pocket calendars, which can be used as tablets.

BURGLARY AT MAHIM.—Noormahomed Ismail, a landlord, who resides at Mori Road, Mahim, reported to the police, on Sunday morning, that sometime during the previous night his room on the first floor of the house was broken into and a large quantity of gold and silver ornaments and silk and gold embroidered clothing, of the collective value of Rs. 949 were stolen from a large wooden box. The entrance into the house appeared to have been effected through a window on the first storey, which was reached by means of a ladder lying in the compound.

AN OLD OFFENDER.—Inspector Chambers, of the dock police, charged Abdulla Allakhan yesterday, at the Esplanade Police Court, before Mr. P. H. Dastur, Third Presidency Magistrate, with the theft of an umbrella, valued at twelve annas. Accused who had several aliases was, on Saturday morning last, seen lifting the umbrella from a safe in No. 6 shed Victoria Docks. He had six previous convictions against him, covering a period of over five years. He was tried at the last Criminal Sessions of the High Court for theft, but was acquitted for want of evidence. The magistrate, in passing sentence said that the property being of small value he would not commit the accused for trial. He ordered him to be rigorously imprisoned for two years, three months of which were to be spent in solitary confinement.

SUFFERING AND SUICIDE.—At De Lima Street, Mazagon, yesterday, Mr. P. Byrne, the coroner, held an inquest on the body of Isabella De Cruz, aged twenty-three years, a Portuguese woman, who resided with her brother, in Church Street, Mazagon. For the last twelve months deceased had been suffering from consumption and during the last three days she was slightly out of her mind. She frequently said she was tired of life. Early on Saturday morning she was found missing from home and after making a search for her in vain, her brother informed the police. Yesterday the body of the deceased was found floating in the Nawab Tank, which is only a few yards away from the house. A verdict of suicide while in a state of unsound mind was recorded.

THE FAMINE IN BOMBAY PRESIDENCY.

DURING the week ending the 15th instant there was no rain in any part of the Presidency. Unirrigated rabi crops are for the most part withering. The prices of the staple food-grains have slightly risen in Khandesh and Nagar, whence they have fallen or are stationary. Prices, compared with the corresponding week of 1899, are lower in Gujarat and the Deccan, but higher in the Karnatak. The district reports are summarised below.

The numbers relieved are as follows :—

	Preceeding week.	Week under report.
Worker.....	124,133	125,614
Dependants	23,998	24,044
Gratuitous relief ...		
houses and villages	58,423	47,835

The numbers of relief works, including dependants, have increased to the extent noted below in the districts named, while they have decreased in the other districts. Sholapur 1,144, Bijapur 81, Satara 700, Nasik 430, Khandesh 368, Panch Mahals 122. The numbers in receipt of gratuitous relief in villages and poor-houses have decreased in all districts. Four large works were closed during the week.

The following allotments have been sanctioned :—Rs. 29,000 for gratuitous village relief in Kaira. Rs. 33,000 for kitcheus in Kaira. Rs. 4,000 for improvement of the water-supply in Poona. Rs. 2,000 for improvement of the water-supply in Satara and Rs. 500 for expenditure incurred on famine grass operations in Kaira.

THE CITY MORTALITY.

THE Municipal Office returns for the twenty-four hours ending at 6 a.m., yesterday, give the following results :—

Wards.	Plague. Attacks.	Deaths.	Deaths from all Causes.
A Upper Middle and Lower Colaba, Fort Northern, Fort Southern and Esplanade....	1	1	12
B Mandvi, Chakla, Umarkhadi and Dongri.....	0	6	34
C Market, Dhobi Talao, Parsiwada, Princess and Khara Talao and Kumbharwada	10	6	32
D Kamathipura, Falkland, Chowpatty, Walkeswar and Mansarovar	10	1	17
E Mazagon, Tarwadi, Sonapur, Nagpada, Kamathipura, Tardeo, Byculla and its Nagpada.....	2	6	41
F Parel, Sewri and Sion ...	0	0	1
G Mahim and Worlee	0	0	2
Water Division.....	0	0	0
Non-resident and unknown..	0	0	0
Hospitals	0	1	10
Total.....	13	21	155
Total plague deaths to date...	80,671	65,651	
Same date last year...	60	55	247

INDIAN POLITICS AND ADMINISTRATION.

SIR ALFRED LYALL, on November 30, at the School of Economics and Political Science, delivered the first of two lectures on "Indian Politics and Administration."

In rapid outline the lecturer sketched the constitutional relations existing between the British Government and the native States of India. The Indian Foreign Office was divided into two branches —an internal and an external department. The first of these arose from the fact that the British Empire contained a great number of subordinate States within British territory, each with its internal frontier. He explained how these arose out of the destruction of the Mogul Empire and the division of the territory into fragments when the British Empire in India rose and consolidated its progress, taking a course and methods entirely different from its predecessor. From obtaining a foothold on the sea coast, the East India Company was led under stress of commercial competition to form alliances and extend its sphere of influence, and the course of events led to the company's securing control over the military forces and political relations of their allies. At the end of the 18th century this policy culminated in the victories of Lord Wellesley, and the outcome was the present constitution of our Indian Empire, with 629 subordinate feudatory States, containing 660,000 square miles of territory. The relations between these and the British Government varied, but every one yielded its external relations to the control of the paramount Power, and was required to co-operate for the common interest and protection of India while on the other hand, the British Government under-took the protection of the native States, if necessary, with the whole force of the Empire. He indicated the various modes and degrees in which the British Government exercised influence in internal administration in various States, many of the rulers being little more than independent proprietors with feudal rights. He traced on the map the connecting line of native States with their frontiers respected by the British Government upon a system not existing anywhere else in the world. In external relations with Asiatic Powers and neighbouring States there had been a gradual change during the last 60 years. Prior to 1837 we had little to do with these outside States ; they were not strong enough to cause grave anxiety, and when troublesome they were easily dealt with. But with the commencement of the present reign a foreign Power and more serious possibilities were discerned from afar, and the approach of a formidable rival made an important change in the whole situation. The two chief European Powers in Asia were England and Russia, and in the present condition no Asiatic State could offer effective resistance to pressure of either of these European Powers, and during the 19th century these two Powers had been gradually expanding towards each other. English statesmen in 1857 began to look about for some way of staving off an ultimate collision between the rival interests, and attention became fixed on Afghanistan as a buffer State, and so gradually it became part of the external policy of India to maintain the independence of Afghanistan. In 1838 rumours of Russia's encroachments on Persia led to a great mistake, in the attempt to force on the warlike Afghans a ruler favourable to our interests. Successive wars with Afghanistan followed, but Russia, after the Crimean war, steadily advanced towards the Afghan border, and, in pursuance of our policy, we had proclaimed something analogous to the Monroe doctrine in the countries adjacent to India. After discussing the many features in the complex problem presented, he confessed he saw no solution but by a friendly understanding with Russia. A quarrel between the two Great Powers would throw all Asia into confusion and the aim of statesmanship should be to arrive at a mutual agreement and joint action for the solution of the many grave problems lying in front of both England and Russia in Asia. (Cheers.)

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INDIAN CROP PROSPECTS.

BENGAL BHADOI.

FINAL Report on the Bhadoi Crops of Bengal, 1900 :—Explanatory.—This report formerly included all kinds of bhadoi crops, and figures for jute, indigo, cotton, and bhadoi til, for which separate forecasts are issued by this Department were also given in it. With Government order No. 2369T.—R., dated the 3rd November last, instructions were received for the omission from bhadoi and rabi forecast of all crops for which separate reports are issued. These orders have been carried out, and this is the first note on the bhadoi crops from which figures of jute, indigo, and bhadoi til have been excluded.

Character of the season.—The character of the season up to the middle of September was described in the preliminary forecast of this crop, which was issued on the 20th September last. The rainfall in April and May was deficient in almost all parts of these Provinces, that in June and July, though more copious, was capriciously distributed, while in August there was again a deficiency. In September the fall was sufficient everywhere, and in the Presidency, Burdwan, and the Orissa Divisions it was exceptionally heavy. In October, however, the rains ceased abruptly, and there was very little rain anywhere, except in Orissa, during that month, while in November there has been practically no rain at all. The season has not, on the whole, been a favourable one for the "bhadoi" crops.

Area sown.—Excluding the areas sown with jute, indigo, and "bhadoi til," the normal area under the different "bhadoi" crops in this Province now stands at 13,660,900 acres. The area cultivated this year with the "bhadoi" crops is 13,226,500 acres as against an area of 12,972,700 acres sown last year, when the season was exceptionally unfavourable. The area under "bhadoi" food-crops is estimated at 12,704,300 acres against 12,478,100 acres estimated last year.

Outturn.—It will be seen from the annexed abstract statement of the district returns that out of the 45 districts in the Province, only 5 (Saran, Maida, Hazaribagh, Ranchi, Manbhum, and Singbhum) report a crop of 100 per cent. or over ; in nine districts (Rajshahi, Dinajpur, Darjeeling, Bogra, Patna, Gaunparan, Darbhanga, Angul, and Palamau) the outturn varies between 80 and 100 per cent., in 13 others it varies between 80 and 90 per cent ; in 14 others between 70 and 80 per cent ; while in the remaining three it varies between 50 and 70 per cent. Taking the Provinces as a whole the Bhadoi Officers estimate the outturn of the various bhadoi crops at 87 per cent. of a normal crop against a 65 per cent. crop estimated last year. In the preliminary forecast, issue in September last, the total outturn was estimated by this Department at 92 per cent. of a normal crop, but this estimate must be slightly reduced in view of the unfavourable weather that has prevailed since it was originally framed, and I now think that the outturn of these crops should be estimated at 90 per cent. of the normal.

Gross outturn.—It is impossible to frame any approximate estimate of outturn for these bhadoi crops except in the case of bhadoi rice. Taking 85 per cent as representing the probable outturn of this crop, the gross outturn of cleaned bhadoi rice may be estimated at 48,346,900 cwts as against 44,372,700 cwts. estimated last year.

CENTRAL PROVINCES COTTON.

Final report on the cotton crop of the Central Provinces—Season 1900 :—

This year a special field-to-field inspection of all summer sowings has been undertaken. The figures now submitted in respect to the areas under cotton are therefore much more reliable than mere estimates though they are in consequence of rapid compilation subject to subsequent modification.

In the report submitted by this office on the 6th October last, it was stated that the area under the crop would probably exceed that of the preceding year, and the latest estimates then available indicated that 901,000 acres had been planted under this fibre. This anticipation has been more than realised, and the figures then stated for net expansion of the cotton area, viz., relative cheapness of cotton seed, favourable conditions at sowing time, and good prices, have operated to a still greater extent than was expected. The area placed under cotton amounts in round numbers to a million and eight thousand acres, which is 41 per cent. in excess of last year's figure and 54 per cent. in advance of the decennial average. It is moreover by far the largest area so cropped in these Provinces during the period for which statistics are available. This is a fortunate circumstance for the cultivators of tracts where cotton cultivation is of real importance, for the outturn promises to be very fair, not to say good, and present prices are decidedly remunerative.

Turning to district details, it is observable that cotton cultivation has extended in all districts except Bilaspur and Sambalpur, and the increase is most marked in Nimar, the Sausar tahsil of Chhindwara, and the Nagpur country, where the crop is of most importance. The shrinkage in Bilaspur is ascribed to excessive rainfall at sowing time.

The distribution of the rainfall has not been altogether ideal. In some parts the plants were swamped by the heavy and continuous rain of August and September, and this was specially the case in the richer soils and in low-lying positions. In such cases weeding has been carried out with difficulty. Apart from this, many ryots owing to impoverishment have not been in funds to weed their fields effectively ; moreover, damage was done by heavy September rain to the ripers that were then coming on, and in some districts want of October rain is said to have affected the crop in poor soils and high-lying fields, and owing to insufficient moisture the bolls have withered ere they came to maturity. This is alleged to be the case in Chanda and Nimar, while excessive rain in September is stated as the reason why a normal outturn is not expected in Saugor, Seoni, Hoshangabad, Nagpur, Raipur, Sambalpur and the Sausar tahsil of Chhindwara. But it is possible to under-estimate the recuperative power of the crop, and it seems improbable that the damage sustained will reduce the promise of a bumper below an average crop.

The seasonal conditions have been very favourable in Betul and an outturn of 120 is expected. In Nimar a yield somewhat in excess of normal is anticipated, and in five other districts including Wardha, whica contains more than one-third of the total cotton cropping of the Provinces, a normal crop is forecasted.

The district estimates be accepted, the estimated outturn for the whole Provinces consolidated on the basis of district areas amounts to 97 per cent. of the normal. But the cotton crop on the Nagpur Experimental Farm is in very fine condition, and the two pickings that have been made up to date indicate an outturn of at least 120. The Nagpur district estimate of 90 seems then somewhat below the mark, and for the Provinces, as a whole, an outturn of 100 to 105 appears by no means improbable. It has been conclusively shown in paragraph 33 of the report on Rail-borne Trade for the year ending

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vs.

BHAWOO NURSOO and MANAJI RAJUJI... Defendants.

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COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE

MONDAY EVENING, DEC. 24.

Owing to the Christmas holidays, business generally is practically at a stand-still, and we have no special transactions to report. Our commercial intelligence through Reuter's Agency was up to Saturday inclusive, and there is therefore no news from the Home Markets to-day.

SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE.

THE s s Baron Fairlie, 2,343 tons, Captain E Wisnom, will sail to-day for Calcutta, in ballast.

THE s s Glenarld, 2,218 tons, Captain J W P Learmouth, sailed yesterday for Antwerp, with a general cargo.

THE s s Ballmouth, 2,382 tons, Captain T W Stratton, will sail to-morrow for Singapore via Colombo, in ballast.

THE s s Inchdune, 2,636 tons, Captain W Ashley, arrived in harbour on Sunday evening, from New York, 8th November, with a general cargo.

THE Austrian Lloyd S N Co's s s Franz Ferpinand, 3,859 tons, Captain A Martinolich, will sail to-morrow for Calcutta in ballast, and Mr and Miss Sealy as passengers.

THE s s St Ninian, 1,938 tons, Captain R Ramsay, arrived in harbour on Sunday, from Calcutta, 13th December, with a cargo of coal. The vessel is consigned to Messrs. M. M. and Co.

VESSELS IN THE HARBOUR.—DECEMBER 24.

Vessel.	Ton.	Capt.	Destination.	Date.	Agent
Tonasserim			Greet		Receiving Hulk
Magdala			Greet		Turret-ship
Abyssinia			Greet...Wet Basin		Turret-ship
Plassy					Torpedo Catcher
Assaye			Goubet		Torpedo Catcher
Sphinx			Phillips		Royal Navy
Tientsin	2555	Daniel		5-12	P & O Co
Forerio	2391	White			M M & Co
Calna	1454	Hill			M M & Co
Barawa	234	Jaffer			M M & Co
Masalila	2-05	Lyon			P & O Co
Khandalla	1318	Mcalfe			M M & Co
Dragoman	2215	Waters			M M & Co
Sirdar	2,94	Rawlings			Bombay & Co
Simla	1049	Bamber	P Gulf		M M & Co
Assyria	989	Maclean			M M & Co
Ballaarat	2869	Field			P & O Co
Unity	929	Hansen			Bombay Co
Nawab	2041	Crebbin	Calcutta, &c.		T Morrison & Co
Kilwa	493	Whitehead			M M & Co
Pachumba	941	Rickford			M M & Co
Bullmouth	2607				W & A G & Co
Hibernia	45 6	Milne			A Montocleiff
Oriental	3084	Jeglum	P & O		P & O
Scindia	1930	Grueber	Calcutta		M M & Co
Inchdune	2636	Ansley			
St Ninian	1938	Ramsay			M M & Co

VESSELS IN DOCKS.—DECEMBER 24.

PRINCE'S DOCK.

Shed.	Vessel.	Ton.	Capt.	Destination.	Date.*	Agent.
B	Dido	3127	Pickering	Antwerp	10-1	F Muir & Co
3	Nauda	1319	Knox	Liverpool	26-12	W & A G & Co
4	Gallia	1269	Costa	Marseilles	4-1	W & A G & Co
3	Methley Hall	2235	Karachi		26-12	K Nixon & Co
6	Coromandel	2783	Vibert	China	1-1	P & O S N Co
7	Imperatrix	2932	Heilenl	Trieste	1-1	A L S N Co
8	Ferdinand	3860	Mitis	Calcutta	26-12	A L S N Co
9	P kin	25 3		London	29-12	P & O S N Co
12	Sobraon	4411	Wibmer	London	29-12	P & O S N Co
14	Kola	497	Robertson	Karachi	29-12	M M & Co
15	City of Lucknow	2570	Morrison	Liverpool	7-1	F & Co
16	Boddana	2880	Mochlellan	Repairing		M M & Co

ARRIVALS.

Dec.	Vessel.	Commander.	From.
23	Inchdune s	Ashley	New York, Nov 8.
24	Baudelsburg s		Hamburg, &c.

DEPARTURES.

Dec.	Vessel.	Commander.	Destination.
24	Glenarin s	Learmouth	Antwerp.
25	Baron Fairlie s	Wisnom	Calcutta.

The following vessels obtained their sort clearance yesterday :—
Steamer Bullmouth, Stratton, for Singapore.
„ S Franz Ferdinand, Martinolich, for Calcutta.

The following vessels entered for loading yesterday :—
Steamer Scindia, for Calcutta, &c.
„ Goa, for Zanzibar, &c.

BOMBAY VOLUNTEER RIFLES.

REGIMENTAL ORDERS BY CAPTAIN T. A. SAVAGE, COMMANDING, B.V.R.
Bombay, 25th December.

1. Leave of absence has been granted to No. 2471 Vol. E. Reuben, "F" Company from the 20th December 1900, to 31st March 1901.

By Order,
P. H. ROGERS, Captain,
Adjutant, B. V. R.

DIVINE SERVICE.

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, ESPLANADE.
Christmas Day.

7-30 a.m.—Holy Communion (plain)
10-30 a.m.—Morning Prayer, Holy Communion and Sermon. Hymns—61, 69, 59 and 305.
The Offertory at 7-30 a.m. will be for the Indo-British Institution.

RAILWAY RETURNS.

G. I. P RAILWAY.
Open 1,560·56 Miles.

THE following is the statement of traffic, for the week ending 8th December, 1900.

	Coaching Traffic.	Merchandize and Mineral Traffic.	Other Earnings (Estimated.)	Total Earnings.
	Receipts.	Receipts.		
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Total ...	1,57,493	7,79,576	7,193	9,47,709
Corresponding week 39 Year Open 1,491½ miles.	...	...	...	7,62,812

Increase Rs. 1,81,837.

B. B. & C. I. RAILWAY.

Approximate return of traffic for week ended 1st December 1900, on 481 miles open.

	Coaching Traffic Receipts.	Merchandise and Mineral Traffic Receipts.	Other Earnings (Estimated.)	Total Earnings.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Total Traffic for the week ...	1,06,000	2,10,000	4,000	2,61,000
Or per mile of Railway open ...	220	455	9	573
For previous 15 weeks of half-year	13,74,923	37,85,416	38,833	41,61,986
Total for 22 weeks ..	20,93,023	39,95,416	42,839	44,28,986
Comparison. Total for corresponding week of previous year ...	1,03,965	2,30,438	1,631	3,25,320
Per mile of Ry. do.	232	513	3	706
Total to corresponding date do.	19,65,765	46,54,998	28,399	46,06,849

PALANPUR-DEESA RAILWAY.

Approximate return of traffic for week ended 20th October 1900, on 17·28 miles open.

	Coaching Traffic receipts.	Merchandise and Mineral Traffic Receipts.	Other Earnings (Estimated.)	Total Earnings
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Total traffic for the week ...	400	200	...	600
Or per mile of Railway ...	23	12	...	35
For previous 15 weeks of half-year	5,152	2,058	27	7,277
Total for 16 weeks ...	5,592	2,258	27	7,877
Comparison. Total for corresponding week of previous year ...	453	429	2	892
Per mile of Ry. do.	37	25	...	52
Total to correspondling date do.	6,408	4,138	39	10,585

Decrease for the week ... Rs. 293
Do. to date ... 2,708

RAJPUTANA-MALWA RAILWAY.

(Includes the Rajputana, Holkar, Sindia-Neemuch Rewari-Bhatinda and Cawnpore-Achnera State Railways.)

Approximate return of traffic for week ended 20th October 1900, on 1544·29 miles open.

	Coaching Traffic receipts.	Merchandise and Mineral Traffic Receipts.	Other Earnings (Estimated.)	Total Earnings.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Total traffic for the week ...	1,03,000	2,78,000	7,000	3,90,000
Or per mile of Railway open ...	64	169	4	237
For previous 15 weeks of half-year	16,33,066	42,30,314	83,932	59,52,312
Total for 16 weeks...	17,43,066	45,08,314	90,932	63,42,312
Comparison. Total for corresponding week of previous year ...	1,20,292	4,58,031	5,717	5,84,040
Per mile of Ry do.	73	278	4	355
Total to corresponding date do. ...	17,39,694	50,48,934	1,08,982	68,97,610

INDIAN MIDLAND RAILWAY.

Week ending 1st December, 1900.

Description.	1900.	1899.	Inc. for the week.	Dec. for the week.	Aggregate Inc.	Aggregate, Dec.
Miles Open ...	1,120	1,120	...	...	...	...
Passengers, Parcels, &c.	41,463	63,454	2,019	18,991		45,297
Goods ...	1,07,280	1,63,221			6,42,887	
Other earnings ...	4,431	12,612	...	8,181	...	62,261
Total this week	2,15,174	3,41,287	...	26,159	...	...
Aggregate ...	20,80,782	24,69,294	...	...	4,88,120	...

DOMESTIC OCCURRENCES.

[THE CHARGE FOR NOTIFYING A DOMESTIC OCCURRENCE IS TWO RUPEES. THE ANNOUNCEMENT MUST BE AUTHENTICATED.]

OTHER PRESIDENCIES.

MARRIAGE.

SWAIN—FOX—December 11, at Bholjepore House, Doomraon, Walter Swain, Bengal Police, to Annie Matilde, daughter of Charles Fox, Manager, Doomraon Raj.

DEATH.

BIGGS—December 11, at Ajmere, Rajputana, from an accident, Amy Margot Hesketh, the dearly-loved twin daughter of the Rev and Mrs Hesketh Bigg, aged six years.

NOTICE TO CORRESPONDENTS.

*** All communications intended for publication in our columns should be addressed to the editor and not to any individual member of the staff.

The Bombay Gazette

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 25, 1900.

THE Resolution which defines the scope of the Famine Commission's inquiry covers the points which the Viceroy referred to in his review of the Famine Policy of the Government at Simla in October. On that occasion his Excellency in foreshadowing the extent of the investigation to be made as to the success of the relief operations said : "We shall want to compare the various relief systems, as practised in different provinces and their result and see in what respects the Codes are faulty, where they are too rigid and too lax, to still further investigate the vexed question of large works versus small works and of relief concentration versus relief dispersion. We shall have to examine the rival means of relief establishments and unconditional gratuitous relief. We must consider how far the sudden excessive mortality is to be explained or prevented, to ascertain the best means of bringing home relief, in the form of revenue remissions and suspensions with the greatest promptitude and directness to the people. We must investigate the report upon the various public works that have been undertaken in the course of the recent famine and provide for the execution of a continuous programme of preventive works in future." The directions given to the Commission over which Sir Antony Macdonnell presides, are an elaboration of that statement, with the additional experience gained from the result where the recommendations of previous Commissions were adopted, should also be brought under review. This latter point will, indeed, constitute the first and most important subject of inquiry. The new Commission will begin their investigation with the report of the Commission of 1898 as their basis. Although last year's drought occurred before the Local Governments had decided to include the recommendations of that Commission in the Famine Codes they were, more or less, acted upon throughout the famine-stricken provinces and largely influenced the policy adopted. It is, therefore, highly desirable, says the Governor-General in Council, that the result of actual experience as to their working should be ascertained and brought under review.

In regard to the administration of relief the inquiry will be exhaustive as to the use made of the several recognised methods of meeting distress, their success and their relative cost. The questions of gratuitous aid, relief works, how local needs have been met, the wage scale, the enforcement of tests, and the adequate provision of administrative, medical and public works staffs, will also be considered by the Commission. On these points there has been great diversity of practice in the stricken provinces. Government recognise that absolute uniformity of method in the widely diverse conditions which famine presents is unattainable, but it is observed that the degree of variation in the methods actually adopted cannot be wholly thus explained. From a close analysis and comparison of the various methods adopted and results obtained in the last famine it is believed that greater uniformity of administration and increased efficiency and economy in future famine relief may be arrived at. One of the duties of the Commission in considering results will be to examine the mortality during the famine in each province with reference to its excess over the death-rate of ordinary years and the causes of the increase. The extent to which loans or taccavi advances have been made to cultivators and others and the necessity for improving this form of relief will also constitute a subject of inquiry. Bracketed with this is the question of revenue collection, suspensions and remissions in regard to which the Government make an important pronouncement. It is admitted that since the Famine Commission of 1878 all authorities have recognised that a prompt and judicious application of this form of relief within proper limits and subject to proper safeguards is an essential feature of famine administration. But there is room for differences of opinion and practice as regards limits, safeguards and the machinery and these considerations govern the application of the principle. Sir Antony Macdonnell and his colleagues are, therefore, told that they may profitably examine the actual practice in this direction with a view to determine whether a proper measure of relief in regard to the land revenue demand is actually given in a year of drought and distress. There may be disappointment in some quarters that the much wider question of the incidence and pressure of the land assessment has not been referred to the Commission. But on that subject, the importance of which is by no means underrated by his Excellency, communications have been already addressed to the various Local Governments and Administrations. A study of their replies, says the Resolution, will enable him to decide whether further investigation is necessary, but in the meantime it is considered undesirable to postpone the labours of the present Commission until an answer can be given in regard to that point. The members of the Commission are, however, not precluded from asking any question in reference to the assessments that may produce information likely to be of use in connection with the matters specifically referred to them. Although the inquiries are to be technically restricted to famine relief in British Indian territory, immigration from Native States and its effects on the general results will come under notice. In dealing with this matter they are requested to advise as to whether and in what manner a greater amount of co-operation between British and Native Governments can be secured in meeting the conditions of future famines.

The inquiries as to the character of public works best adapted for relief programmes, to which his Excellency referred in his Simla speech, are reserved for the specialists of the Public Works Department. The Commissioners may, however, consider and report on the success as a means of relief of the works actually undertaken during the famine. The Commission of 1898 made several recommendations on the subject of relief and famine preventive works ; but as the Viceroy pointed out those recommendations had not time to bear fruit before the recent famine came upon the country and in the rush and hurry and overwhelming calamity of the past year works had often to be improvised to meet the demands of the particular area and with but little regard to their permanent value. An enquiry is now necessary as to the utility of the public works undertaken in the time of stress and as to the measures which should be taken to complete and maintain such as are found to be of permanent advantage. That obviously is a subject for engineering experts who will also consider what additional irrigation and water storage projects of a protective nature can be devised in each province for inclusion in the relief programmes for times of famine, or for the employment of funds derived from the annual famine grant. Without this very important subject before them the newly-appointed Commission have a wide field of inquiry. Their predecessors of 1898 made a report, which although not acted upon in every particular so largely influenced the administration of last year's famine that Lord Curzon was able to declare that the Government had accepted a higher standard of moral and financial obligation than was ever before recognised, or acted upon in this or any country. The result was that unprecedented in extent as was the scarcity there never was a famine where the general mortality had been less, or where distress had been more amply or swiftly relieved. It will be the duty of Sir Antony Macdonnell and his fellow-Commissioners to consider what further lessons in the same humane direction the experiences of the last famine have to teach us.

FOR the first year of its existence the Rani Mahals' Agricultural Bank has been able to present a very satisfactory report. This bank has been started under the auspices of the Gaekwar's Government and it is intended to establish other similar institutions throughout the Baroda State. The Rani Mahals' Bank did not start in a favourable year, but though it began its operations with only half its nominal capital and the good-will of two previously existing State Agencies for siding cultivators, the new institution was able to be of some service in supplying seeds and stock to agriculturists stricken by the famine. The bank was opened at Songad on the 1st August, 1899. It is a limited liability company with a capital of Rs. 25,000, half of which has been subscribed by the Government. Owing to the famine the people were not immediately asked to take up shares and the bank started business with the Rs. 12,500 provided by the State. For the good-will of the District State Seed Depot and a Taluka Money Lending Agency, carried on by the Government, Rs. 6,307 were paid. The bank in this way had to begin with 151 clients and a book-debt balance of Rs. 2,407 to meet possible bad debts. When the famine set in small amounts were advanced for grass-cutting operations. The grass was bought from the cultivators and resold at a good profit. The bank's money was also temporarily taken at interest by the Agricultural Department to avoid delay in its work of supplying grass to districts where fodder was absent. By the end of its first year of existence the Songad branch of the bank had made advances for food, seed, manure, bullocks, labour and the payment of old debts, amounting to Rs. 8,384, while a branch which was opened at Vyara, only in June last, had advanced Rs. 2,749 for the same purposes. These amounts do not appear large but the institution was only beginning while the people were being liberally provided for by the Baroda Government. To the 151 clients taken with the good-will 298 were added in Songad and 324 in Vyara, the total being 773. These persons belonged to 148 villages. By far the larger amount of advances was made to the Kaliparaj Kheduts, who are hill men belonging to the Bhil, Naika, Dhanpa, Dhundia and other aboriginal tribes. The wants of these people are stated to be small, while their land is good and the assessment light. One of the objects of the bank is to aid the agriculturists to free themselves of debt and for this purpose the deposits in the bank will be utilised, a low rate of interest being charged. The native has a great respect for debt, but he is quite alive to the advantage of an institution which will at little cost rid him of the incubus of the Bania's demands between seed time and harvest and between the first and second harvest. Interest on deposits in the bank is paid at the rate of 3 3-4 per cent. or one pice per completed sum of five rupees per month. Although the first year's expenditure included the heavy cost of starting a new company the expenses were not excessive and a net profit of Rs. 4,331 has been made. Rs. 3,637 have been set aside as a reserve fund, and as there were no private shares on which dividend was payable the balance has been appropriated to the dividend on shares held by the Government and to a bonus fund. Since the close of the bank's first year of existence applications for the private shares have been freely made and it is anticipated that the whole of them will shortly be allotted. The rules of the Company provide for a first claim on the profits by the private shareholders, up to 4 per cent. on the paid-up capital. From the surplus then left the State takes 3 per cent. on its shares and any further surplus is to be distributed among the general shareholders to the extent of an additional two per cent. The State dividend is limited to 3 per cent. and that of the private subscribers to six per cent. The remaining profits go towards the bonus and reserve funds. The institution seems to have been designed on lines most useful to those whom it is intended to benefit. Its operations should be greatly developed during the current year and its extension and that of similar banks which it is proposed to establish in the Baroda State will be watched with a great deal of interest.

THE progress of Rugby Football in the North of England has been remarkable since the recognition of professionalism about six years ago. There are not a few among the lovers of the Rugby game, who look with disdain upon professional Rugby Footballers, but, as in the Association game, the best play is only to be seen when two professional teams occupy the field. The separation of the Yorkshire and Lancashire clubs from the Rugby Union led to the formation of the Northern Union, an association which has brought about the abolition of many abuses. According to the last mail, the question of reducing the number of players in Northern Union matches was coming up in a practical form on Saturday, December 8. On that day at Halifax the club of that name and Oldham as representing Lancashire faced with only twelve men on each side. Everybody who has an interest in the game will watch the success of the experiment, which has been suggested as one means towards mitigating the wearisomeness of monotonous scrummaging. The proposal was made at the time of the formation of the Northern Union, but did not find great favour, and other methods were eventually, after a couple of seasons' cogitation, adopted, but

TELEGRAMS.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

THE WAR IN SOUTH AFRICA.

LORD KITCHENER'S DESPATCH.

DE WET'S MOVEMENTS.

GENERAL FRENCH'S MOVEMENTS.

ANXIETY STILL FELT AT CAPETOWN.

LONDON, DEC. 24.

The cautious wording of Lord Kitchener's despatch probably is due to indirect information, railway and telegraph communication being much interrupted by bad weather.

In a despatch from Lord Kitchener, dated Pretoria, 22nd inst., he says he thinks the Boer movement in Cape Colony is checked as our troops are getting round both bodies of the invaders and a column is also being organised and will be despatched immediately.

Lord Kitchener adds that he is informed that the Boers have not received much assistance in Cape Colony.

De Wet is in the neighbourhood of Senekal.

The Boers, who occupied Britstown, cut the railway, south of DeAar, and are now being pursued.

General French reports that he has been in pursuit of Beyer's and Delarey's commandoes which are two days south of Magaliesberg. The enemy, he says, has lost considerably and Commandant Kreuse and others have been captured.

The Boer raid causes no anxiety at Bloemfontein but it is feared at Capetown that the situation is serious.

The Colonial authorities are very reticent.

The Dutch are very restless and it is apprehended will join the invaders.

Heavy floods are hampering the movements of our troops.

CASUALTIES IN SOUTH AFRICA.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, DEC. 24.

The following casualties are reported :—Dec. 2—killed, 20th Hussars, Lieutenant-Colonel Legge ; 1st Cameron Highlanders, Lieutenant Murdoch ; 2nd Somerset Light Infantry, Lieutenant Reid ; 1st Royal Dublin Fusiliers, Captain McBean ; 2nd South Wales Borderers, Captain H. De E. Moody ; Yeomanry, Lieutenant Campbell ; 2nd Wiltshire Regiment, Captain Atkins. Dangerously wounded, 1st Cameron Highlanders, Lieutenant Sandilands ; 2nd Northumberland Fusiliers, 2nd Lieutenant Isaac and Lieutenant Stanton. Severely wounded, Yeomanry, Captain R.W. Purvis. Slightly wounded, 1st Royal Welsh Fusiliers, Captain the Hon'ble Clegghill ; Field Artillery, Captain E. H. Stevenson ; Horse Artillery, Lieutenant H. Nevill, Yeomanry, Captain W. E. T. Bolitho; 2nd Northumberland Fusiliers, Lieutenant A. H. Jones, Captain Somerville, and Lieutenant Westmacott. 15th December—2nd Grenadier Guards, shoulder accidentally dislocated, Captain the Hon'ble Cavendish. 14th December, 7th Dragoon Guards, wounded, Lieutenant Mansel. 19th December—Reserve of officers, late Field Artillery, died of disease, Major G. E. Giles.

The following prisoners of war were released :—Gloucester Regiment, Major Tuff-Nell and Captain Fyffe ; Field Artillery, Major Massy ; and Army Service Corps, Lieutenant McNalty.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

THE AUSTRALIAN CABINET.

LONDON, DEC. 24.

It is believed that Mr. Lyne will form a strong Cabinet, including the Victorian and South Australian Premiers.

THE MINES BILL.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, DEC. 21.

Mr. Ashton, Chairman of the Mines Association, has been appointed to the Viceroy's Council in connection with the Mines Bill.

THE VALUE OF VOLUNTEERS.

Speaking at the Port Defence Volunteer Dinner Captain Petley referred to the total lack of transport and field equipment of the Volunteer Force and asked if the call came to service with the armament now possessed against a modern enemy what chance would they stand ?

MILITARY INTELLIGENCE.

Lieutenant Gage, 45th Battery Royal Field Artillery, died at Barrackpore, yesterday, of purpura.

Passages to their homes are sanctioned to families of the wing of 1st Bombay Grenadiers, quartered at Dera Ghazi Khan.

Captain Neill, 2nd Royal Scots, becomes Adjutant, 7th Volunteer Battalion, and proceeds home.

Lieutenant Robertson Glasgow, 16th Bombay Infantry, joins the 39th Garhwal Rifles.

Major Mitchell, 21st Bombay Infantry, officiates as Commandant, 2nd Bombay Grenadiers.

Major Sherard, 5th Bombay Cavalry, officiates as Commandant, 6th Cavalry, with Captain Cartwright, Second-in-Command

(REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.)

STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

LONDON, DEC 22.

The Clan Line steamer Clan Macintyre arrived here this afternoon.

SUEZ, DEC. 22.

The Clan Line steamer Clan Alpine arrived here from Colombo, Madras and Calcutta yesterday evening.

ADEN, DEC. 22.

The B. I. S. N Co.'s steamer Matfana left here this afternoon.

PORTSAID, DEC. 22.

The B. I. S. N. Co.'s steamer Mombasa left here this evening.

HONGKONG, DEC. 22.

The P. and O. Co's s.s. Clyde left here for Bombay this afternoon.

DEC. 23.

The P. and O. Co's s.s Chusan arrived here from Bombay this morning.

COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL NEWS.

LONDON, DEC. 22.

The Liverpool Cotton Market closed steady.

Surats quiet but steady.

Good Brownrigg 4 10-32.

The Manchester Market has been quiet.

3 3-4 per cent. Consols 97 1-16

3 per cent. Rences ..... 101 1-4 ex.

3 1-2 per cent. Sterling Loan 108

3 1-2 per cent. Rupee Papers 64 7-8

Bar Silver 29 9-16

The sum of about £50,000 has been withdrawn the Bank of England.

TELEGRAPHIC LINE REPORT.

DECEMBER 21.

STATE OF INTERNATIONAL COMMUNICATION.

GREAT BRITAIN.—Via Teheran, perfect Via Turkey, interrupted. Via Suez, perfect.

CONTINENT OF EUROPE.—Via Teheran, perfect. Via Turkey interrupted. Via Suez, perfect.

AMERICA.—Via Brest, perfect. Via Valentia, perfect. Via Direct Cable, perfect.

ADMIRALS.—Via Penang, perfect. Via Amoor, perfect.

CHINA.—Via Penang, perfect. Via Amoor, perfect Via Bahmo, perfect.

AFRICA.—Via Aden, perfect, Via Cadiz Teneriffe, perfect. Via Lisbon St. Vincent, perfect.

Turkish Route interrupted between Bushire and Fao.

The British Government announces that transmission of private telegrams for Orange River Colony (Orange Free State) and Transvaal via Cape Colony has been suspended. Telegrams for Pretoria Johannesburg Vereeniging Germiston. Middleburg Heidelburg and Standerton also meanwhile being accepted via Lourenco Marques at the usual rates. These Telegrams should be written in plain English and accepted only at Senders risk. They are also subject to Censorship in Transvaal and to delay in transmission.

Telegrams to Rhodesia may in future be expressed in code provided the words used are in one or other of the code books deposited with the authorities at Aden.

FOREIGN TELEGRAPHIC SERVICE.

Latest dates of Foreign Messages received at Bombay from the United Kingdom during the 24 hours ending at 8 p.m., of [illegible] December.

(Difference in Longitude allowed for.)

Via.	Latest Dates. D.	H.	M.	Time occupied in transmission. Hours.	Minutes
Turkey	21	..	44 p.m.	...	...
Direct	21	..	44 p.m.	...	...
Suez	21	2	35 p.m.	...	...

CALCUTTA RACES.

THE VICEROY'S CUP.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, DEC. 24.

The Calcutta Races were continued this afternoon when there was a big attendance. The chief event was the race for the Cup, for which there were eleven starters, Cherry and Stand-off starting as equal favourites. The winner was H. H. the Maharajah of Jodhpore's Up Guards, which animal was imported from England a few years ago. Last year it was placed in the race, Cherry the then winner filling third place on the present occasion. Tubal Cain II., which belongs to Mr. Anandji Nandji of Bombay, and which ran prominently in the Trial Stakes on Saturday, was second. The results are as follows :—

THE VICEROY'S CUP.

H H Maharajah of Jodhpore's ..... Up Guard 1
Mr Anandji Nandji's ..... Tubal Cain II 2
Mr K R S s ..... Cherry 3

THE CHRISTMAS HANDICAP.

Mickey 1
Tidalwave 2
Mervyn 3

THE ECLIPSE PONY STAKES.

Lady Yetween 1
Poppy 2
Tom Tait 3

THE DEALERS' PLATE.

Amourette 1
Hulocrat 2
Tecoota 3

THE CALCUTTA STAKES.

King-at-Arms 1
Henry 2
Ramshaw 3

THE PAVILION STAKES.

Wild Raven 1
Vatersag 2
Chokebore 3

THANA NEWS.

OUR local correspondent, writing on Sunday, says :—Mr. W. C. Shepherd, I. C. S., the newly appointed Assistant Judge and Sessions Judge of Thana, will receive charge of his office after the Christmas Holidays. Lieut.-Col. Kavasji Hormasji Mistri, I. M. S., will also take charge of the office of Civil Surgeon at Thana.

The annual examination of children of the East Indian Thana Girls' School was held in the E. I. Association's School-Rooms, on Sunday last. The members of the school committee and several leading Native Christian gentlemen and others of the town were present on the occasion. The chairman of the committee distributed prizes to the successful girls.

In memory of Moonshee Mahomed Esmail Makba, J. P., who died at Byculla, on Wednesday last, the Oorieo-Mahrathi Schools, belonging to Moonshee Mahomed Ebrahim Makba at Thana and Kalyan were closed on Thursday. The deceased gentleman was the managing trustee of the schools. Moonshee Abdool Rahiman Makba will, it is said, succeed his father as trustee of the schools.

The annual meeting of members of the Chandraseniya Kayastha Prabhoo Education Society will be held in the Prabhoo Social Club at Thana, on Saturday next, for transacting the following business :—To appoint office-bearers for 1901, to pass the report submitted by the managing committee and to adopt the report received from the auditors of the C. K. P Education Society.

The daily average number of persons relieved gratuitously in 29 villages of this than in the previous week, in the Thana district during the past week was as follows :—Men 20, women 41 and children 111. Rabi crops wherever sown are in good condition. The supplies of grain and fodder are sufficient. The average price of rice is seven seers 11 lbs. per rupee ; that of Rangoon rice is 20 lbs. per rupee.

A line of huts, which was erected near the St. James' Church for the use of native warders of the Thana Jail (as quarantine camp) during the prevalence of the plague, in the town of Thana, caught fire and was destroyed on Thursday last. The huts were occupied by women and children of the warders, when the fire took place ; but fortunately no one was hurt or injured.

A Mahratta, named Balloo Babaji Sinde, aged 30, who had put up with Ambaji Panwalla, in Charni Street, committed suicide by drowning himself in Sankalbow Well (near the Mamlatdar's Kutchery) on the station road, on Tuesday last. The Mahratta had been ailing for a long time and got tired of his life.

Bhagwandas Baldeodas, who was charged with having committed the murder of a woman, named Gangoo, at the Kalyan Railway Station, in October last, was tried by Mr. R. S. Tipnis, B. A., L. L. B., Sessions Judge of Thana, under Section 303 of the Indian Penal Code, and was sentenced to ten years' imprisonment, on Friday last.

Twenty-one deaths (including four from plague) were registered in the town of Thana during the past week. Twenty-one deaths (including seven from plague) were recorded in the Municipal District of Coorla during the same period. In the Thana District there were eleven cases and eleven deaths from plague during last week, against sixteen cases and sixteen deaths the week previous.

ROYAL BOMBAY YACHT CLUB.

The following are the results of the races sailed on Saturday last :—

TOMTIT CLASS RACE.

Names of Boats	Entered by	Finish	Corrected Time
Titmouse	Mr R H H Hopkins	First	...
Loma	Surgn G R McMahon	Second	...
Chetha	Capt G Lamb, I M S	Third	...

Course No. 15—9¼ miles. Wind W N W, Strength Light. 1st Prize won by Titmouse.

YACHT'S HANDICAP RACE.

Name of Boats.	Owners.	Handicap.	Time of start	Finish.
		M'a.	H.	M.
Melody	12 Mr J B K Macbeth	3	33	First
Nanta	16 Mr G F W Oliver	3	29	Second
Isca	22 Mr James P Chrystal	3	23	Went on Shore
Sapphire	Scr E S Luard	3	45	Gave up
Stella	Scr Col H W Boyd, I M S	3	45	do
Ian	30 Mr W F Fotts	3	15	do
Chita	Scr E Combar	3	...	Did not start

Melody and Nanta were the only Yachts which reached Hog Island, Sapphire not finishing owing to the lightness of the wind, Stella and Ian gave up the race in order to render assistance to Isca, which grounded on the rocks of Butcher Beacon. She, however, got off, on the turn of the tide without injury.

Course No. 1—10·6 miles. Wind W N W, Strength Light. 1st prize won by Melody. 2nd prize won by Nanta.

THEFTS AT BANDRA.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "BOMBAY GAZETTE."

SIR,—There have been of late so many thefts in Bandra, that it becomes necessary for me to draw the attention of the public to them and to put them on their guard. Hitherto the thieves had not attacked the Bandra Hill, but had confined their operations to the lower part of Bandra, but it appears that they have been emboldened by impunity. Only the night before last one of the thieves entered the bungalow of a Parsee gentleman who was fortunately awakened before the thief could succeed in removing anything of value, but the thief and the Parsee gentleman had a long tussle before he managed to escape. The thief carried an iron bar and there is no doubt that he had a burglarious intention. If the Bandra police would arrest many energetically than they have hitherto done, the thieves would have little chance of carrying on their work. I find on inquiry that the number of policemen is quite inadequate for protecting the population.—Yours, &c.,

Bandra, Dec. 24. A RESIDENT.

THE ROADS AT BILLIMORA.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "BOMBAY GAZETTE."

SIR,—For three years there has been no water on the roads of Billimora. Owing to the situation of the town on the river-side, whirlwinds are of frequent occurrence. And the dust has been tiresome to the people. The roads of her sister-town, Naussari, are supplied with water. There is no reason why this should not be the case in Billimora. Many municipal lamp-posts are removed. I hope that the Suba Saheb will take this matter into consideration.—Yours, &c.,

A. B. BILIMORIA.

THE BENGAL-NAGPUR RAILWAY COMPANY have no sooner finished the lines which give through connexion between Howrah and Bombay, writes a contemporary, than they have turned their attention to the completion of another project. This is the line from Midnapore through Bankura to the Jherria coal fields. At present the East Indian Railway have the monopoly of the coal traffic, which has expanded in such a remarkable way during the last few years : hereafter they may have to come to it with the neighbouring line. It is believed that at Luff Point, Diamond Harbour, a site may be found where cargo coal could be loaded on to ocean-going steamers for export, and if the reports of experts are favourable a railway will be built from Midnapore to the Point, a distance of between 50 and 60 miles. It would be a joint undertaking on the part of the two railway companies, and the E. I. R. would have running powers over the whole length of the line from Jherria to Luff Point. There can be little doubt that if this project proves possible, the problem of how to deal with the congestion of the coal traffic will be in a fair way of solution. The bunker coal, *i.e.*, the coal required for consumption by steamers visiting the port of Calcutta, could be railed to the Kidderpore docks, while that required for the local mill industries could be sent both to Howrah and Calcutta. The export trade would be to Luff Point direct. The whole question turns upon the accommodation that can be found at the Point, and it should be possible to ascertain this without much delay. It is not well to be too sanguine in these matters, remembering the quantity of promising projects connected with the port of Calcutta and its approaches that have come to nothing.

SPORT IN ENGLAND

THE 'VARSITY RUGBY MATCH.

SIR T. LIPTON'S NEW YACHT.

LONDON, DEC. 7

THE Napoleonic dictum that nothing happens but the improbable was evidenced again last week. The Oxford fifteen were "at home" to the British team, and every-body settled down to witness another triumph of the Dark Blues. Instead of that the visitors held their own at all points, and won handsomely by one goal to nil. At fullback, three-quarters, and forward the Bristol men evinced marked superiority, while at "half" the Oxonians had the best of it. Bar Dobson, Swanston and confreres were at full strength, while the visitors were practically a Gloucestershire county team. It was a fine tussle, and instructive withal. Some misguided enthusiasts had got to belive that the Oxford fifteen were invincible this season, but they received a rude awakening. Others tried to make out that the Dark Blues were "off colour" but not a bit of it. They played up for all they were worth from start to finish, but were beaten at their own game, i.e., breaking up the pack and rapid hand-to-hand passing. Meanwhile, the Cantabs were metaphorically patting themselves on the back re their brilliant Edinburgh Academical victory. Considering every feature of the game, it was distinctly a famous victory. The doughty Scotsmen returned highly impressed with the prowess of their rivals, and my last week's contention was justified to the full. Those who had been wagering odds on Oxford looked as if (like Galatea) they had gone back to marble as a refuge from pain. In a word, most experts now agree that the rival Light and Dark Blue fifteens are much-of-a-muchness in calibre. Moreover, now that it is officially announced that (save Campbell) a full Cantab team will take the field on Wednesday week, concensus of capable opinion favours the idea of a battle royal. A record crowd is assured on the eventful day, as also the toughest struggle of the decade. Messrs. Walton and Rogers (Oxford), and Sagar and Keeton (Cambridge) are to be congratulated upon their prowess in the International trial match at Richmond last Wednesday. The three first named played "great games," and are well in the running for highest honours this season. So also are F. H. Jones and Daniell (Cambridge); in fact, it looks as if the Varsities will be well to the fore in this direction—as they ought to be.

A contemporary has thought fit to make some very severe remarks on light and Dark Blue Rugby players after recentevent. We don't suppose 'Varsity men are any worse than others in this respect, i. e., celebrating their victory in somewhat noisy fashion. The Rugby Union felt constrained to make a protest under this very heading a few seasons back! Anyway, such "misdirected enthusiasm"—if you like—is not such an extremely grave matter after all. 'Varsity men especially are merry because they cannot help it, because they have rude health and a sense of the ridiculous, and because they have that inexplicable penchant for noise, racket, and practical joke which characterises young England. It is to this rush and flow of vigorous animal life that we must attribute the indescribable attraction exerted by Homer upon the sympathies of all ages and conditions of men! You can't put old heads upon young shoulders, nor should we wish to do so. If, flushed with victory and excited unduly by an inter change of good fellowship, 'Varsity men do make a lot of noise, what then? They do but obey their "strongest motive (as metaphysical writers would say), a theory which excuses anybody for anything.

The Association teams continue to evince sound combination and capital form at this stage. So far the chief apparent faults are (a) piff ng in front of goal, as mentioned last week, and (b) a lack of what has been called "responsible combination." There seems to be some truths, even in this age, which require to be impressed upon the Association player, a couple of points may be noted as curious. Very often, in both teams, the half-backs do not follow up nearly far enough. When their forwards go up, they should be close behind to get the ball before the enemy can start a combined run down the ground. You can prevent a rush being started which, once begun, you will find uncommonly difficult to stop. The outside wing, also, has a pleasing (sic) habit of conducting the ball to the corner flag before he begins to centre. Encouraged by the cheers of the crowd, he then then puts in an admirable middle, which his companions are quite unable to take.

Although he will deprive himself of a little unmerited applause, it is far easier to centre when he is about twenty yards from the corner. Such a centre is about twenty times as easy for the man in the corner to take. One can scarcely believe that such trite theories of success escape the notice of Light and Dark Blues, but so it is. However, setting aside trifles like these, one must appreciate the up-to-date skill and sciencof the two Varsity teams. Interest at Oxford now centres upon the Inter-Collegiate Cup-ties, the final of which is fixed for Friday next. Some big surprises were brought off in the preliminaries, viz., the defeat of Keble and Christ Church—the last-named hot favourites for the Cup outright. Oriel (holders) and Brazenose will dispute supremacy, and (after their "House" form) the holders ought to retain the trophy. Now here comes in the superiority and beauty of the Cambridge League system of Inter-Collegiate fray. After Friday next interest at Oxford will naturally cease, and members of College Association teams will take on some other pastime. On the contrary, the Cantabs will renew League competition with an undiminished vigour and excitement next term. From every point of view its advantages are many and obvious, and so the Oxonians are beginning to find out.

The annual County Championship match between Middlesex and Kent was played on December 6th at Queen's Club, West Kensington. The conditions were most unfavourable, drizzling rain falling throughout the game, and the light was so bad that it was agreed to play for only fifty minutes. Middlesex won by two tries to nothing, and on the whole quite deserted their victory. The play was mainly confined to the forwards, and was of a very uncertain description, the wet ball being very difficult to govern. The Kent men began very well, but their passing was intercepted, Magee at half-back did good work for Middlesex, and in turn Kent were attacked. King-Stephens missed a chance of crossing the Kent line, but a little later he was successful after a bout of passing in which the halves and all the three-quarters took part. The place-kick was in an easy position, but Magee failed. Afterwards Kent got right under their opponents' goal, but they were unable to utilise their position. Middlesex cleared to the centre, and at half-time led by 1 try to 0. Early in the second half there was some capital passing by the Middlesex backs, and King-Stephens was nearly in. Kent were penalised, and Reynolds came near kicking a goal. The game was transferred to the other end, but Kent could not get in. King-Stephens cleared, and then came another capital round or passing by the Middlesex backs, ending in Bailey gaining a try. Afterwards the Kent forwards displayed better form, making several good rushes, but their attack was not dangerous. Under the conditions that prevailed accurate play was very difficult of accomplishment, and with darkness coming on apace it was difficult to follow the course of the play. Middlesex had the best on the later stages of the contest, and won a somewhat scrambling game by 6 points to 0.

In the Lancashire section of the Northern Union Swinton continue to pave the way for the rest of the Lancashire teams to follow, and it is difficult to locate where their first reverse is likely to spring from. They are a strong, all-round side, with a remarkable facility for scoring tries. The one weakness so far has been their poor goal kicking, but as they recorded four goals on Saturday last, their average in this direction has gone up with a bound. They now possess the remarkable record of 140 points against 30. The "Blues" have scored more tries than any other club in the tournament, whilst their defence is almost perfection. The latest to bow the knee to the all-conquering Swintonians were Rochdale Hornets, a team of more than average strength this season. It was the same old story. Like a many predecessors, the "insects" could never go the pace, and all their stinging propensities quickly disappeared when the merry "Blues" got them in hand. In a minority of 23 points, the usual jovial spirits from Rochdale wended their way homewards very much subdued. It was hardly expected that they would bear such a beating philosophically. They are not built that way.

The Yorkshire Senior Competition tournament underwent no change on Saturday ; in fact, the programme was a rather dull one, and it was easy to forecast each result with accuracy, if we except the Leeds Parish Church v. Halifax match. This was generally voted as likely to be a near thing, and indeed it was so near that Halifax only won by a single point, the Leeds men thus losing by one point for the second time in succession. As the tournament now stands, Bradford are one point ahead of Halifax in the table, with a game to play. There is every prospect of the Shieldholders being able to keep up their unbeaten record, until the New year, though Castleford folk say they have a rod in pickle for them to be used at Look Lane on Boxing Day.

With regard to the course for the yacht races for the America Cup Sir T. J. Lipton has written to New York on the subject as follows :—With regard to my views as to whether the next contest for the America's Cup should take place at Sandy Hook or at Newport, I should say that the committee of the New York Yacht Club are the best judges. I do not, however, think that there could be a fairer or better course in the world than that at Sandy Hook. Personally, I have a liking for it—born, I suppose, of my long stay there last year—certainly I have had plenty of opportunity of becoming acquainted with it. As regards being overcrowded by steamers, I do not worry in the slightest about this. There never was in the history of yachting a clearer course than we had the last contest, and I am sure the captains of accompanying steamers in their own interests will do everything they can to meet the wishes of those in charge of the racing yachts. The manner in which the New York Yacht Club arranged for keeping the course clear last year could not be improved upon." In conversation with a Clyde yachtowner Mr George L. Watson said that much of the apparent mystery surrounding the building of the new America Cup Challenger was due principally to the diligent guessing of people who had little or nothing to go upon. He had declined to give any information as to the place where the boat was being built, for this would only trouble the builders with the necessity of keeping out inquisitive visitors. The rumours as to wonderful novelties in the boat were groundless. The difference between Shamrock II. and the other yachts which he had recently built would be a difference of detail, except that a boat built under a rule which had no tax on beam or draught would naturally have a little more of both than a boat which had to submit to the penalties imposed by the girth measurement.

Cambridge Golf team could hardly be expected to emulate the feat of their rivals, the Oxonians, and account for the Oxford and Cambridge Society, who, whatever the occasion may be, have such a reserve of forces at their command that they can never turn out a less than average side. The top half of the side on Saturday was a warm combination, and did not fail to do justice to the occasion—particularly Mr. Ranson, the Tooting Bec crack, who credited his side with no fewer than nine holes, whilst Mr. Low, who was playing unusually low down in the team for him, subscribed five, and Mr. Apthorpe (the old Light Blue captain) a like number at the expense of Mr. W. S. Howarth. The final verdict in favour of the Society was one of fourteen holes, the respective totals being 32 and 18—notian over whelming, but nevertheless a substantial victory. A notable feature in the match was the failure of Mr. T. M. Hunter, who was seven down to Mr. S. H. Hardie.

It is pleasant to see Mrs. Ryder Richardson annexing the spoils last week in connection with the St. Andrews meeting of the Formby Ladies' Club, particularly as that lady will shortly be leaving the district for the south of England, where she should certainly prove a great acquisition to ladies' golf. Mrs. Richardson has done a great deal for the game in the district. It was chiefly through her instrumentality and energy that the Hoylake Ladies Club, which has proved such an unqualified success was started and carried on. Always a most consistent and successful player, it must be gratifying to the lady herself to feel that just previous to her departure she accomplished one of the very best performances which has fallen to her credit during her sojourn of some six years in the north of England.

Vardon has of late been annexing scalps in galore. Small encounters and matches against the best ball of two players have made little difference to the result ; his opponents have all suffered the same fate—an unmerciful thrashing. One of his most notable antagonists was Mr. Findlay Douglas, the ex-amateur champion of the States. The amateur was blessed with the advantage of playing on his own green, but it was apparently of little advantage to him, as Vardon gave him no quarter, and rather emphasised the disparity between the best professional golf and amateur golf on the other side of the water.

THE USE OF CURRENCY NOTES.

A LETTER FROM THE BANK OF MADRAS.

THE Secretary and Treasurer of the Bank of Madras has addressed the following letter to the Government of India, in the Finance and Commerce Department :—

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of the Under-Secretary's letter No 5420, A of the 26th October, 1900, asking for any suggestions which my Directors may make with regard to certain proposals which have been put forward for the consideration of the Government of India with a view to popularising the use of currency notes.

2. The first measure suggested is that the notes of all circles should be legal tender throughout India. The objection is raised, in para. 7 of the Under-Secretary's letter, that creditors might object to be compelled to receive notes for which they have not the right to demand cash at some centre more or very far distant, and it is asked what weight should be attached to this condition. My Directors think that a very unfair burden would be thrown upon creditors were they compelled by law to accept notes which are not readily convertible into cash. To protect themselves creditors would probably contract for payments in coin, a course which would tend to throw discredit on the note. My Directors are therefore, of opinion, that before notes of all circles are made legal tender throughout India it is essential that provision should be made for their encashment at all the present offices of issue, at all events. It may well be doubted whether Government will be in a position to undertake this obligation in the near future, but until Government is in a position to do so my Directors think that the circle system must continue to be in force.

3. The second proposal put forward for consideration is that Government should undertake to cash the notes of any circle at Calcutta, Madras or Bombay. My Directors think that this proposal, if adopted, would be a step in the right direction and would tend to popularise the note and to extend the circulation. It would no doubt, throw some extra responsibility on Government. My Directors think, however, that it is very desirable that the three Presidencies should be brought into closer touch, and if Government finds itself unable to adopt the proposal in its entirety, my Directors would suggest that to begin with the three Presidency circle notes only should be made payable at the three Presidency Towns, an obligation which my Directors think Government might undertake without great difficulty. In such an event all notes which are made payable in the Presidency Towns could at once be made legal tender throughout the Presidency circles, and the process could be extended from time to time, as might be found practicable. The bringing of the three Presidency Towns into closer touch as indicated above would enable the surplus funds of one Presidency to be placed at the temporary disposal of the other Presidencies. At present, the cost of transferring and re-transferring funds for short periods from one to another is impracticable for such help to be given, although one Presidency may be suffering from temporary tightness, while another has funds to spare. It is, therefore, very desirable in the interests of trade that every facility should be given for the interchange of funds between the three presidency Towns.

4. The third proposal is that Government should experimentally undertake to cash the notes of one principal circle at all the Treasuries in the Province for a limited period, say one year. Government would be made as is indicated in para. 9 with the object of eventually extending it to its natural conclusion of encashment of the notes of every circle at every Treasury in India, in fact the abolition of the circle system. My Directors concur with Government in thinking that this is an obligation which it is hardly conceivable that the Government could safely undertake. Government would have to maintain large rupee balances at almost every petty up country Treasury, and notes would be very largely used as a means of remittance at Government expense to be at once exchanged for coin, which will continue to be used for the financing of movements of produce in the District. No doubt, as years go on the Natives in Mofussil Towns will learn to make a greater use of the note, but to the vast bulk of the population in the Districts even the smallest denomination of note is for large to admit of its taking the place of the rupee to any great extent for many years to come. My Directors think that before facilities are given for the use of notes as a medium of remittance to the Districts, the people should be educated to the use of notes as a circulating medium. It is understood that the Directors of the Bank of Bengal have advocated the establishment of local issues at various centres in the Mofussil, which practically means an extension of the circle system. My Directors think that some such measure would be beneficial and would pave the way to the extension later on, of the number of Treasuries at which Government could safely undertake to encash notes. They would, therefore, strongly support any proposal having for its object the encouragement of the use of notes as a circulating medium in the Mofussil, and as it is of course imperative that such notes should be readily convertible into coin, the system of local issues suggested by the Bank of Bengal seems very suitable for it would be a comparatively easy matter to maintain sufficient rupee balances to ensure convertibility within limited areas.

5. The fourth proposal put forward for consideration is that Government should make some modest, say a middling fifty lakhs, at which cash can be demanded for notes, e.g., by undertaking to cash notes of the Calcutta and Allahabad circles at Calcutta, Allahabad, Dawnpore and Patna, etc. My Directors approve of this proposal provided the facility for encashment centres in the case of circle notes freely as a circulating medium. It is for this reason they have advocated (in para 3) that the notes of the three Presidency circles should be made payable at Calcutta, Bombay and Madras. Notes circulate freely in the three Presidency Towns, and therefore my Directors consider that they may be legitimately used as a means of remittance between the three Presidencies. Notes remitted from one Presidency Town to another, if cashable at all three towns would circulate freely in all three, and the movements of specie from one Presidency to another would probably be no greater than at present. Where the conditions are similar in other towns, my Directors think that similar facilities may be given, but they deprecate such facilities being extended to centres where the notes will be used almost exclusively as a means of remittance, at Government expense, to be at once exchanged for rupees.

6. In conclusion, my Directors desire to draw attention to the statement in para. 4 of the Under-Secretary's letter. It is stated that 156 Treasuries were able to cash notes at all times during the year. Dealing with the figures relating to the Madras Presidency, it is observed that out of a total of 29 Treasuries 13 are put down as being able at all times throughout the year to cash notes, and 6 as ordinarily able to do so, while 2 only are shown as being usually unable to give this accommodation. My Directors think that there must be some misapprehension in regard to this matter, and that the statement refers rather to the encashment of notes in small sums to bona-fide travellers and others than to their encashment for trade requirements. The Bank of Madras has charged the local Treasuries at ten of its Branches for the Presidency, and had such facilities existed for the encashment of notes the Bank would gladly have availed itself of the privilege, instead of remitting specie, as it has had to do, to a very considerable extent.

A RESOLUTION by the Government of India notifies the increase in the number of qualified students of the Engineer Class of the Thomason Civil Engineering College to be posted annually to the Public Works Department. The allotment will be at the rate of 12 and 14 in alternate years so far as may be possible, instead of 10 as hitherto.

REVIEWS.

IN his latest work, A MASTER OF CRAFT, Mr. W. W. Jacobs has given us another glimpse of life on board the small river craft and in East End docks. It is almost a pity he has not been able to strike out a new line for himself, for though indeed the book gives one a good laugh, the humour is somewhat strained, and degenerates at times into too broad and improbable farce, and many of his characters are repetitions of those that have appeared before. Any successor to such a masterpiece of fun as "MANY CARGOES" must be on a very high level ; it is difficult to attain to that any day, and so unfortunately this work suffers by contrast. The hero, Captain Flower, a master of craft, in more ways than one, bears a charmed life, and one follows with breathless interest the series of amusing adventures by which he succeeds in freeing himself from the three matrimonial engagements in which he had involved himself at one and the same time. After all his hairbreadth escapes it seems rather hard that he does not gain the hand of sweet Poppy Tyrrell, though she is more suitably mated with honest Fraser than with the amorous and crafty captain. The sketch of old Captain Barber is one of the best-drawn in the book—his many efforts to escape the wily widow are very funny. The wise old man yields to the inevitable, succumbs to clever Mrs. Church, and having married her makes the best of his bargain.

"Wonderful woman, your aunt," said old Captain Barber, impressively ; "but I was one too many for 'er."

Flower stared.

"How ?" he enquired, briefly.

"Married 'er," said the old man, chuckling. "You wouldn't believe wot a lot there was arter her. I got 'er afore she knew where she was a'most. If I was to tell you all that there was arter 'er, you'd hardly believe me."

"I dare-ay," said the other.

The Wheeler menage, in the wilds of Poplar, is at most cleverly comic, and every scene in that family circle is intensely funny.

Mrs. Wheeler discussing "sailor men" as lovers :—

"I might 'ave had two or three sailors if I'd liked," continued Mrs. Wheeler, musingly, "but I wouldn't."

Fraser murmured his admiration at her firmness.

"There was Tom Rogers, 'e was the first," said Mrs. Wheeler ; "you remember 'im, father ?"

"Chap with bow legs, and a squint, wasn't he ?" said the dock-foreman, anxious to please.

"I never saw 'im squint," said his wife, sharply. "Then there was Robert Moore—he was number two, I think."

"'Ad a wife a'ready," said Mr. Wheeler, turning to the visitor ; "'e was a bright lot, 'e was."

"I don't know what they saw in me, I'm sure," said Mrs. Wheeler, with a little modest laugh ; "it wasn't my good looks, I'm sure."

"You 'ad something better than good looks, my dear," said the dock-foreman, affectionately, "something what's more better."

Again Mrs. Wheeler is recommending her son as a suitor to Poppy Tyrrell.

"He's been a good son," said the mother fondly ; "never no trouble, always been partickler, and always quite the gentleman. He always smokes his cigar of a Sunday, and I remember the very first money 'e ever earned 'e spent on a cane with a dog's 'ed to it."

We have quoted enough here to show that the book is full of quiet fun, as well as good humour, and though hardly up to the level of some of this author's previous work, it is impossible to read it without feeling refreshed and cheered by spending an hour in such amusing company.

Mr. Egerton Castle has given us in his book MARSHFIELD, THE OBSERVER, a collection of short stories, mostly studies of character and action. After his fascinating and romantic book YOUNG APRIL, and the charming and mirthful BATH COMEDY, we are taught to expect from his pen very excellent work—expectations which are hardly realized in the volume under consideration. Instead of the joyous buoyancy of youth, the glamour of romance, the delicate touches of pathos, the tripping liveliness of innocent fun, which pervade his other works—we find the thread running through this book is one of gloomy and uninteresting pessimism. There are five short stories, incidents which have come under the notice of Meldrum Marshfield, a cold-blooded cynic of the 19th Century, who relates his observations in grandiose and somewhat involved language. THE COLD MRS. TOLMAGE illustrates most startlingly the theory of "elective affinities," though one cannot keep wondering how Mrs. Tolmage ever came to marry the Archdeacon. THE GUESTS OF THE WOLF MASTER comes as a sequel to the above and shows the complete success, in this instance, of "the world well lost for love."

THE DEVIL'S WHISPER, the strongest story of the series, tells how remorse for an undetected and forgiven crime pursues an unhappy Spaniard through life and impels him to tell the story of his sin to every listener who can understand his musical language. ENDYMION IN BARRACKS is a psychic episode in the life of Edward Dalrymple, apparently an every-day young subaltern, but having a dual nature of mysticism and romance underlying his ordinary commonplace life. THE HERD WIDDIEFORD relates the legend of how a "reiving, thieving Highlandman" carried away a fair Lowland lass into the fastnesses of his mountain home, and how her descendants bear the trace of that wild Highland blood to this day. The book ends with "The Death-Dance," a so-called "true" story of the Hungarian Home Rule War of 1849—a wild and almost incredible incident.

EDWARD BARRY by Louis Becke (Unwin's Colonial Library) is a story of sea-life, with plenty of incident and movement in it. A seaman, stony-broke and looking for work, ships at Sydney in a brig, a South Sea trader, the "Mahina," as chief mate, with a pleasant sort of captain, but a sorry looking crew. Before they are well out of harbour Barry sees that everything is not ship-shape about the vessel, but where the hitch is, he cannot define. However being a man who does his duty as a rule, he pulls along and proves himself invaluable to Captain Rawlings, who practically leaves the management of the brig to his chief mate. They are doing nothing this voyage in trading but are bound on pearl-diving to a spot in the South Seas indicated by the former chief mate, who, Barry was informed, was dying when he shipped. He is buried at sea, the first day out from Sydney. The passage is full of adventure, but once arrived at the pearl-banks, which are found to be fabulously rich, and hitherto untouched by divers, the plot

CHRISTMAS CRACKERS.

THE shortest sermon ever preached was, perhaps, the sermon which Dr. Whebell was fond of repeating on the text, Man is born unto trouble as the sparks fly upwards." The sermon occupied barely a minute in delivery the following being a verbatim report: "I shall divide the discourse into three heads:—

Man's 1, ingress into the world, 2, His progress throughout the world, 3, His egress out of the world.

Firstly, his ingress into the world is naked and bare.

Secondly, his progress through the world is trouble and care.

Thirdly, his egress out of the world is nobody knows where.

In conclude—

If we live well here we shall live well the re,
And I can tell you no more if I preach a whole 8year.

A man who, proposed to write a book on Natural History, consulted Buffon on the subject and laid before him a specimen of his ability. It ran thus:—"Crab. The crab is a red animal that walks sideways."

"Excellent," said Buffon, "the description is almost perfect; the only correction I can suggest is that the crab is not red, is not an animal, and does not walk sideways.

AN ECSTACY.

She put her arms around his neck,
And for a season
He disappeared from earthly gaze,
As stars are hid in sunlit days;
Those lovely arms, so wondrous soft and fair,
Were in those monstrous sleeves that women wear—
That was the reason.

THE SAME GIRL.

The sudden strain of an old refrain
Will oftentimes reveal,
Like a flash at night, some previous plight—
And this is the way I feel.

Ages ago, I somehow know
That I was a crocodile,
And I frittered away the livelong day
On the banks of the ancient Nile.

And it seems that there, 'neath the burning glare
Of the sun on its daily journey,
As I idly strayed, I was loved by a maid
With a corrugated back.

I died, and then, incarnate again,
I passed to another life—
In the form of an ape my brain took shape,
And I lived with a chattering wife.

In a later span I became a man,
And a web of love I spun;
Yet I feel its true that the girl I woo
To-day, is the self-same one.

Who in ages past with my lot was cast.
For I often hear her declare—
As they have done since the world begun
"I haven't a thing to wear!"

Mary Matthews, a nice little girl, lived so far from the schoolhouse that she rode a little blue-eyed, confiding mule to the hall of learning. The teacher thought it unwise to allow the animal to graze about unharmed, so he attempted to club it away. The rest of the story is told in these expressive little lines:

Mary had a little mule,
It followed her to school;
That was against the rule,
The teacher, like a fool,
Got behind that mule,
And hit him with a rule,
After that there was no school.

TO MARRY OR NOT TO MARRY.

To marry or not to marry: that is the question;
Whether 'tis wiser in the man to suffer
The jeers and taunts of outrageous relatives,
Or to eschew the sea of troubles,
And by so doing 'scape them? To love: to marry;
Ah me! and by one's marriage to say he weds
The heartache and the thousand awful woes
A Benedict's heir to, 'tis a consummation 'twould seem
One should avoid. To love: to marry;
To marry, perchance to rue it. Ay, there's the rub;
For in that marriage hate may come,
When one has taken on this fatal noose,
He cannot hope escape from save through the door
That makes calamity of all one's life;
For who would bear the stigma of the Divorce Court
The uplifted brow, the ill-concealed sneer,
The pangs of despised love, the law's delay,
The insolence of wife, perchance of child,
That all too quickly from its mother'd learn,
When he himself a life of peace may take
With a briar pipe? Who would the fires make,
To grunt and sweat with furnace grate,
But that the dread of thousands of tongues,
By which the Bay State's men outnumbered are,
Rebukes us, puzzles the will,
And makes us leave the ills we have
To fly to others that we know not of?
Shall sensitive souls be thus made cowards all?
And shall our peace of mind
Be shaken—may hap broken,
And single blessedness—happy state—
With this regard be ever turned awry
And lost in bliss of living? Soft you now;
O Critics Scribbles, in your comments
Be all pros and cons remembered.

D. S., in "Boston Evening Transcript."

The boy stood on the back yard fence, whence all but him had fled. The flames that lit his father's barn, shone just above the shed. Ten Chinese crackers had he in twenty in his hat, with piteous accent loud he cried, "I never thought of that!" Some other crackers to the tail of a small dog he'd tied. The sparks flew wide and red and hot, they lit upon the brat; they fired the crackers in his hand, and fill those in his hat. Then came the burst of rattling sound—the boy, where was he gone? Ask of the winds that far around strewed bits of meat and bone and scraps of clothes and balls and top and nails and books and yarn and relics of that dreadful boy that turned his father's barn.

COQUETTE.

Because her eyes to me and you
The brightest are and bluest,
Shall storm arise between us two,
The oldest friends and truest?
She smiles on me: my heart is light,
And yours is steeped in sorrow,
And yet the flowers I gave to night,
She'll throw to you to-morrow.
Coquette is she; so say with me:
"Let him who wins her wear her:
And fair—however fair she be,
There's many a lassie fairer."
But if it hap, and well it may,
That each in vain has pleaded,
If all my songs are thrown away,
And all your sighs unheeded,
We'll vow ourselves no hermit's vows,
We'll cross no foaming billow,
We'll bind about our dismal brows
No wreaths of mournful willow:
But show, in spite of her disdain,
We you can live without her:
And joining hands, we'll laugh again,
And think no more about her.

She was telling the French gentleman, with some vivacity, how she had come to grief at the rink, exhibiting her wounded elbow.

"Vous avez d'esprit, madame," he responded, solemnly.

"Des-spree! Monsieur! Pas du tout—un simple accident!"

And he still wonders at the manner in which "ces Anglo-Indiennes" receive a compliment. He had been led to expect something so different.

As an etymological curiosity the following may serve as a conspicuous example:—The Rev. Mr. Dodd, of Cambridge, was asked to preach extempore against intoxication. He therefore took as his text the word, "Malt," which he treated as follows—"My text cannot be divided into sentences, for there is none; nor into words, for there is but one. I therefore divide it into letters, and shall treat it M—morally A—allegorically, L—literally, T—theologically. The M—moral, is to teach you good manners, therefore, M, my masters; A, all of you; L, leave off; T, tippling. The A, allegorical, is where one thing is spoken of and another meant. The thing spoken of is malt; the thing meant is the spirit of malt, which becomes M, your meat; A your apparel; L, your liberty, and T your trust. The L, literal, is according to the letters; M, much; A, also L, little; T, trust. The T, theological, is according to the effects it work; M, murder in some; A, adultery in others; L looseness of life in all, and T, treachery in many." It is to be doubted if a more effective temperance sermon could be preached, though of most careful and deliberate preparation. It is related of the Bishop Whitehouse, Chicago, that hearing once a sermon from a very opinionated but sadly deficient clergyman, he was asked by the preacher how he liked it. He said—"There was one very fine passage, "Yes" said "the delighted clergyman, and which was that?" "Your passage," said the bishop, "from the pulpit when you had finished."

THE LOST KEY.

To Mr. Grossmith we are indebted for this amusing parody of the "Lost Chord":—

Seated one day in her carriage,
She was lounging well back at her ease,
And her fingers wandered idly
In her pockets—for her keys.
She thought—as the bunch was missing—
In her wardrobe it must be,
So she struck one note of discord,
Like the sound of a big, big D.
Like the sound of a big, big D.

She thought of the sweet little trinkets
Whose loss she would sadly mourn,
Then she thought of her frocks and mantles,
Some of which she had not yet worn;
She thought of her precious diamonds,
She thought of the square place-chest,
For at home, in that large old wardrobe,
She kept every thing she possessed.
She thought of the sweet love letters,
Received with many a ruse;
Then she sunddenly thought that the servants
Those letters would surely peruse;
Then she thought, with a feeling of horror!
That the neighbours would surely be shown
A piece of black hair neatly plaited,
Which was not exactly her own.

So she dived to the bottom of her carriage,
Turned she matting all upside down;
Then she dived beneath the cushions,
And the lifting of her green silk gown;
She dived in the depths of her mantle,
And into her muff dived she;
But only at home in her wardrobe
Would be found that lost, lost key!

NONSENSE VERSES.

A lady of Tilbury Fort,
Had sight so remarkably short
That she took her own nose
For a new kind of rose;
(She was rather addicted to port.)

There was an old parson named Potts,
For whom Virtue and Satan cast lots:
The author of sin cried,
"I'll furnish the inside,
You may whitewash the front of old Potts."

There was an old lady of Lynn,
Who was anxious to get very thin,
She succeeded at last
By taking "Stickphast,"
And now she is sticking to gin.

There was a young lady of Wilts,
Who went about bedecked in quilts;
Said the people, "How shocking!
To show so much stockin,"
She said, "How about you and your kilts?"

There was a young lady of Cheddar,
Whose nose it grew redder and redder,
Till it got so inflamed
That her friends were ashamed
So they punctured her nose, and they bled her.

There was a young lady of Sale,
Who swallowed a tenpenny nail,
When X rays showed a pin,
She remarked, with a grin,
"My digestion don't know the word fail."

In our church sat a young man of Bicester,
Just in front of the new curate's sister,
When we kneels down to pray,
I am sorry to say,
He turned round in his seat and he kissed her.

There is a young lady at Filey,
Who always bathes slyly and drily;
After blowing her nose,
She just dips her big toes,
Then returns to the shore, smiling shyly.

There was a young woman of Sanday,
Who had always been terribly bandy;
She said, "Oh! to bike
In bloomers I'd like,
But a skirt comes in really quite handy."

There was an Albanian shepherd,
Who smiled as he swallowed a leopard.
(Tis not so absurd
As might be inferred—
The creature was salted and peppered).

There was a young fellow called Tait,
Who dined with a girl at 8-8.
But I cannot relate
What that fellow called Tait,
And his tete-a-tete ate at 8-8.

There was a fair widow of Hook,
Who said, When her husband was "took,"
"I'll soon get another,
Without any bother,
Because they all know I can cook."

A twenty-stone lady of Hants
Decided to cycle in pants;
As she rode at a crawl,
For once she fel small,
When pursued by incensed Mrs. Chants.

John Jones was a farmer near Tooting,
Whose crops some bad boys were uprooting;
They dropped dead in the act—
The result of the fact
That John's corn had a habit of shooting!

There was an old lady at Jarrow
With views as to heaven so narrow,
That if they were true,
The entrants so few
Could all be wheeled in on a barrow.

A would-be new woman of Nottingham
Made a pair of—you know, dear—and got in 'em
So tight was the fit
That the nasty things split
The first time she went for a trot in 'em.

There was a young lady of Lee,
Who went for a row on the sea;
But the boat gave a rock,
And spoilt her best frock,
And, amongst other things, she said "D—"

There was an old man of Jamaica (r)
A pious and Christian-like Quaker,
When his wife ran away
With a Spaniard one day,
All he said was, "God bless thee, friend, take her.

There was an old lady of Cork
Who tried to take soup with a fork,
But she said, with a grin,
"Why the stuff is too thin;
Do they think I've the bill of a stork?"

There was a young lady of Hoy,
Who was so remarkably coy,
That she started a squint
(Or so she did hint)
To avoid looking straight at a boy!

There was a young woman named Pooley,
Who said, "O you dear Mr. Hooley,
When you next cut a dash
And distribute your cash,
Please send a few cheques to yours truly."

There was young a person of Nottingham,
Who loved writing copies and blotting 'em;
To his master's surprise
He'd smudge all his i's,
To save him the trouble of dotting 'em.

There once was a Vicar of Goole,
Who rode all his rounds on a mule;
For he held that the cross
Between donkey and hoss
Harmonised with the Anglican school.

There was a young man of Torquay,
Whose behaviour was airy and free;
He wagered a crown
He'd run somebody down,
Which he did, and that some one was me.

There was a fat dame of Berlin,
Who said that to bike was a sin
When asked, Oh? But why,
She replied with a sigh
I tried it but could not get thin.

There was a young gourmand of John's
Who'd a notion of dining off swans;
To the "backs" he took big nets
To capture the cygnets,
But was told they were kept for the Dons.

So far the "Light Green;" but a well-stored memory might go on with this particular form of parody for ever. Who has not wept over the fate of the

old person of Harwich
Who wholly objected to marriage;
But a strong-minded cook
At last brought him to book,
And took him away in the carriage?

There is no well-regulated family in England, or beyond it, which does not contain among its most prized possessions an aunt or other female relative, like

the old girl of Davizes,
Who was full of unpleasant surprises;
She would let you come near.
And then say, "My dear,
Your eyes are of different sizes."

There was once a little brown hen,
Such a dear little, queer little hen,
And her work was to lay,
Just one egg, every day,
And she did it this good little hen.

She'd fly up in a tree and right then,
Perched high on a branch this queer hen,
Her one egg she would lay,
Just one egg every day,
This good little, queer little hen.

'Twas a strange thing to do I must say,
Lay an egg from a tree, every day,
And what good was the egg,
Pray tell that I beg,
That was dropped from a tree in that way?

But some people do things quite as queer,
I know it, I've seen it, no dear,
They have a good thought,
Yet—it all comes to nought,
From the wrong place the drop it, my dear.

A CLEVER LINGUIST.

In the hope of getting English custom, an enterprising cobbler of Cannes has put the following notice on his window:—

"Repairs hung with stage coach." This is the best he could do, French-English Dictionary in hand, with, "Repare et executer avec diligence."

ONE MORE RIVER TO CROSS.

Old Mr. Noah he built an ark,
One more river to cross,
He set it afloat in Dalhousie Park,
One more river to cross.

Chorus—One more river—One more river to cross
One more river—One more river to cross.

The animals went in one by one,
One more river to cross,
Now, says Noah, begins the fun,
One more river to cross.

Chorus.—One more river, etc, etc.

The animals went in two by two,
One more river to cross,
The Elephant and the Kangaroo,
One more river to cross.

Chorus.—One more river, etc., etc.

The animals went in three by three,
One more river to cross,
The blue-tailed fly and the sprightly flea,
One more river to cross.

Chorus.—One more river, etc., etc.

The animals went in four by four,
One more river to cross,
Old Noah got savage and hollaed for more,
One more river to cross.

Chorus.—One more river, etc, etc.

The animals went in five by five,
One more river to cross,
Mrs. Noah, she carried the big Beehive,
One more river to cross.

Chorus.—One more river, etc., etc.

The animals went in six by six,
One more river to cross,
The monkeys were up to all their tricks,
One more river to cross.

Chorus.—One more river, etc., etc.

The animals went in seven by seven,
One more river to cross,
Says the Flea to the Elephant "Don't be a shoving,"
One more river to cross.

Chorus.—One more river, etc., etc.

The animals went in eight by eight,
One more river to cross,
The Lobsters galloped because they were late,
One more river to cross.

Chorus.—One more river, etc., etc.

The animals went in nine by nine,
One more river to cross,
The Prodigal Son with his herd of swine,
One more river to cross.

Chorus.—One more river, etc., etc.

Now says the Bull, we'll have a lark,
One more river to cross,
So he stuck his horns right thro' the Ark,
One more river to cross.

Chorus.—One more river, etc., etc.,

They stopped up the holes with the puppy dog's nose,
One more river to cross,
And the Elephant trod on the Kangaroo's toes,
One more river to cross.

Chorus.—One more river, etc., etc.

Now the Ark has faded away
No more river to cross,
It was made into matches by Bryant and May
No more river to cross.

Chorus.—No more river, etc, etc.

REPARTEES.

A London paper tabulated the following repartees taken from Tennyson's "Memoir," and asked if any one knew any that are better?

(1) A certain French King seeing at Court a man said to be very like him, blurted out, "You are very like our family; is it possible that your mother was much at court?" "No, sire," said the man; "but my father was."

(2) The Prince Regent, being in Portsmouth one day, and seeing Jack Towers, across the street, shouted out in his royal way, "Hullos, Towers, I hear you are the greatest blackguard in Portsmouth!" Towers replied, with a low bow, "I hope your Royal Highness has not come here to take away my character."

(3) The reply of Margaret More to Lady Manners, both having had honours conferred on their families. To the satirical remark of Lady Manners, "Honores mutant Mores," Margaret More replied "That goes better in English, madam—"Honours change Manners."

(4) The reply of the Italian lady to Napoleon, who said to her, "Tutti" Italian sono perfidi, "Non tutti, ma Buona parte,"

Tennyson use to say that he would give all his poems to have made the first two retorts just cited.

The challenge produced a much larger collection of repartees which can hold their own with those which Tennyson considered to be worth all his poems. The first of these, a correspondent pointed out, was older than any French King having been attributed, to Augustus Cæsar. Here are the additions to the list:—

(5) A rich parvenu courtier of Louis XV, who took special pleasure in snubbing an officer of the Swiss Guard, poor but of noble birth, said to him one day, "You see, we (nous autres) serve for honour, you for money," Jabonne dans votre soens, 'replied the Swiss "each for what he most needs."

(6) The Abbe Roule, noted more as a royalist than as a wit, reproved the famous bel esprit Rivarol, saying that it was l'esprit which had ruined France, whereupon Rivarol rejoined: Alors, monsieur, pourquoi ne nous avez-vous pas sauves.

(7) Brougham gives the following in his lives of the Lord Chancellors: It concerns Lord Thurlow and Wilkes of liberty fame. Of Lord Thurlow it was said no one could possibly be so wise as Lord Thurlow looked. Accosting Wilkes he asked him if he, Wilkes, "expected to die of the halter or of a certain disease." That depends entirely upon whether I embrace your lordships principles or mistres, 'replied Wilkes, with a diabolic sneer on his ugly face that gave intensity to the insult.

(8) Dr. Johnson once happened to offend an individual of the uneducated classes, who thereup on remarked, "You're no gentleman." "You're no judge," replied the doctor.

(9) A conceited fellow, with some pretensions to literature, once travelled some distance by rail with Victor Hugo, and entertained the great author with much egotistic converse. The author of "Les Miserables," having arrived at his destination, was about to leave the train, when his interlocutor said, "You may perhaps like to know who I am. I am Victor Hugo. "How odd," remarked the real Hugo. "So am I."

(10) Dr. Johnson sneeringly defined oats "as a grain that fed the horses in England and the people in Scotland. "Yes," said Lord Kames, "and where will you find such horses and such men."

(11) Joseph Hume was of lowly origin, and someone had the bad taste once to tell him he was born on a dunghill, "Yes," says Hume, "it is true I was born on a dunghill, and I am now a member of Parliament. Had my reproacher been born on a dunghill, he would have remained on a dunghill all his life.

(12) The Schoolman Duns Scotus was dining with the French King of his day, when the latter jokingly said "Duns, can you tell us the difference between Scotus and Sotus?" "Just the width of the table, your majesty," was the prompt reply.

(13) A local preacher, being anxious to interview the Rev. C. H. Spergeon, called at his house, but was informed by the servantmaid that the great preacher was engaged. "Tell him," said the caller, "that the servant of the Lord wishes to see him." "Ah!" replied Mr. Spurgeon, "tell the servant of the Lord I am engaged with his Master."

(14) An Austrian Princess once asked the Duke of Wellington "How is it that we in Vienna speak French so much better than you English!" To which the Duke replied, "Well, Princess if Napoleon had twice visited London with his armies, as he has Vienna, I have no doubt we should be much more familiar with the French language."

(15) On another occasion, Louis Philippe of France introduced to the Duke of Wellington one of the French Marshals whom he had beaten in the Peninsula. The Marshal partly turned his back to the Duke, which greatly displeased Louis Philippe, who apologised to the Duke for his Marshal's rudeness, "Forgive him, sire" said the Duke, "I taught him to do that in the Peninsula."

The ten examples of the retorts courteous thus added to Tennyson's list may, without much exaggeration, be set down as worth all the present Laureate's poems, with his prose thrown in.

WATER-SUPPLY IN INDIA.

AT a meeting of the East India Association, held on Tuesday (Dec. 4), at its rooms at 3, Victoria-street, with Lord Reay in the chair, Mr. William Sowerby brought forward a project for supplying water in India during times of drought on the partial or complete failure of the monsoon rains. Considerable quantities of water, he thought, could most undoubtedly be obtained in almost every part of India by means of deep but inexpensive artesian tube wells. The artesian well system, it might be said to have been the salvation of parts of Africa, New Zealand, Australia, etc., and in the United States it was the system *par excellence* not only for water-supply, but also for tapping oil and for prospecting purposes. The chief points to be considered in boring the wells were the nature of the strata and the likelihood of obtaining water; the "data" could be ascertained by the examination of existing wells and by a proper hydrological survey of the various formations. Though the absence of such surveys rendered it difficult to arrive at the exact cost of such works, he calculated that 20 wells, sufficient to supply nearly 150,000 persons and their cattle, could be made for £20,955, including cost of boring apparatus, engine power, buildings, and supervision. Large supplies, again, could be secured by means of accumulating and compensating reservoirs constructed in the valleys of the great rivers, along which there were many low-lying recesses that, without very much labour and with moderate-sized dams or bands, could be made to retain considerable quantities of water, to be used only when the monsoon failed. A tank holding six-and-a-half million gallons of water, sufficient to supply 1,000 people with 25 gallons a day each for 260 days, he estimated could be constructed for £955. Such tanks, combined with artesian wells, would greatly mitigate the sufferings of the people of India during failure of the monsoon rains, though these supplies would, of course, be insufficient for any extent of irrigation of the crops, which must be supplied by rain or by canals from extensive reservoirs. Much also remained to be done in improving the system of cultivation, which was so defective that the ground never absorbed the moisture from the heavy dews—a great source of fertility in warm climates like India.

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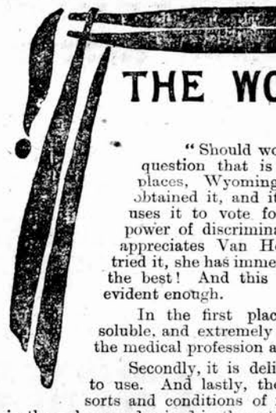

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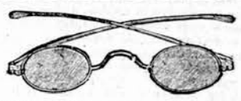

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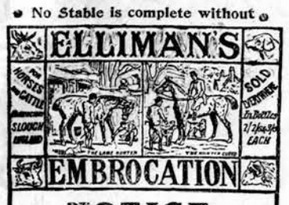

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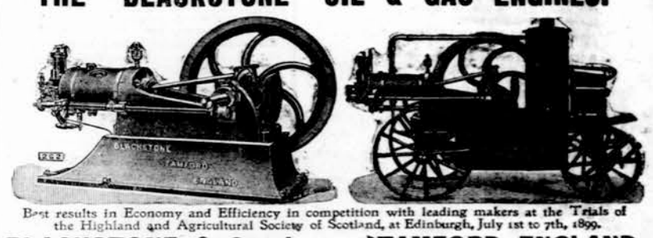

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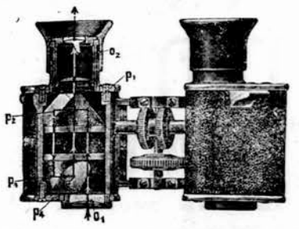

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